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Hospital to Relocate to Plainsboro

The University Medical Center at Princeton (UMCP), an 86-year in-town institution, will move to a 155-acre tract in Plainsboro Township currently occupied by the FMC Corporation Research Group, hospital officials confirmed Monday night.

The decision was made by a unanimous vote around 10:30 p.m. after a three-and-a-half-hour trustees meeting of Princeton HealthCare System (PHCS), the hospital's parent entity.

A new hospital campus, with a cost upwards of \$350 million, will occupy approximately 50 acres, or 1.2 million square feet, on the site located along Route 1 North between Plainsboro Road and Scudders Mill Road — almost exactly three miles from the current UMCP

main campus on Witherspoon Street. A new campus will also include the relocation of PHCS' Merwick Care Center, currently located on Bayard Lane.

In an interview just after Monday's vote, Barry Rabner, president and CEO of PHCS, said that a portion of the remaining 105 acres would be used by FMC, with the remaining lands to be sold by PHCS.

A PHCS spokesperson said the hospital could not release the final amount of the purchase of the 155-acre tract until the entire deal is finalized. There is a 90-day "due diligence" period that makes sure "everything is as it ought to be," Mr. Rabner said.

"And we are confident that it is," he added.

A new Plainsboro campus, which has a target opening date of June 2010, would house a 269-bed hospital and medical offices and include on-site inpatient, out-patient, physician, medical, and surgical services. For now, the hospital plans to build an 800,000 square-foot facility on the site, expanding to the aforementioned 1.2 million square-feet over time.

The announcement comes after a lengthy two-year public process where the hospital posed the advantages and disadvantages of moving or expanding on site. In January, when PHCS trustees voted, also unanimously, to relocate, 18 sites were immediately

identified, but with the hospital's goal of moving within two to six miles of the current facility, a handful of likely locations became immediately evident: a tract north of Canal Pointe along Route 1 South in West Windsor Township; Princeton University-owned land on the former Princeton Nurseries near College Road, also in Plainsboro; and the Bristol-Myers Squibb site in Lawrence Township.

Earlier this year, Capital Health Systems announced its intention to build a

campus of its own along Princess Road in Lawrence, dimming the prospects of PHCS relocating to the west. That was followed by resistance from residents of Canal Pointe opposed to relocation to that area — opposition that was not lost on Mr. Rabner.

"What was regrettable to me about that, was that some had a position before we had an opportunity to tell them about what we wanted to do and how we were going to do it, or got

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Princeton University, Philadelphia Firm Will Acquire Vacated Hospital Lands

On the heels of the announcement that the University Medical Center and the Merwick Care Center would relocate to Plainsboro, Princeton HealthCare System, the hospital's parent entity, announced Tuesday that it would sell the Merwick lands and the Franklin Avenue parking lot to Princeton University and the hospital's Witherspoon campus to a Philadelphia-based developer.

Hospital representatives declined to comment on the purchase price, but were clear that monies acquired from the transactions would make a sizeable contribution toward building a new \$350 million state-of-the-art facility.

The developer, Lubert-Adler Management, is likely to pursue plans that have already been put forth by the

hospital in its endeavour to make the zoning of its main campus more attractive to likely suitors. Those designs, put forth by the hospital while consulting with J. Robert Hillier of Hillier Architects, have envisioned converting the site, included preserving the hospital's main towers, and envisioned converting the site into 280 residential units, a commercial area, and a recommended 50,000 square-feet of open space.

The Regional Planning Board is slated to take steps this Thursday, December 1, to move forward with changing the Princeton Community Master Plan to accommodate uses other than medical-related ones. Mr. Hillier, a minority owner of Town Topics, will likely

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Wilkes Withdraws Name From Running; Trelstad Fills Open Council Seat

In a surprising turn of events, Kevin Wilkes, who had briefly been the perceived frontrunner in the race to fill the Borough Council seat vacated by Mildred Trotman when she was named mayor, withdrew his name from the running Tuesday, paving the way for Council to appoint Barbara Trelstad of Westcott Road to carry out Ms. Trotman's term, set to expire December 31.

Upon that date, the Princeton Democratic Municipal Committee (PDMC) will choose to recommend Ms. Trelstad, or present three candidates for Borough Council's consideration to fill out a special one-year term, expiring December 31, 2006.

Selected by Council in a 3-2 vote Tuesday night over Anne Neumann of Alexander Street, Ms. Trelstad is currently a member of the Borough Shade Tree Commission, the Environmental Commission, and the Site Plan Review Advisory Board.

Mr. Wilkes, who had been "highly recommended" by PDMC just last Monday, was forced to withdraw his name from the running Tuesday, when it was clear that he had not met the residency requirements needed — one continuous year — to hold a seat on Council.

Mr. Wilkes, an architect, lived on Cleveland Lane until 2004, then moved to Montgomery for a year before returning to the Borough to his current residence on MacLean Street in July.

—Matthew Hersh



HOSPITAL RELOCATING TO PLAINSBORO: A news conference Tuesday confirmed a Monday night unanimous vote by the trustees of the Princeton HealthCare System (PHCS) to relocate University Medical Center at Princeton and Merwick Care Center to a 155-acre tract currently home to the FMC Corporation Research Group in Plainsboro Township. Pictured from left are: Barry Rabner, PHCS president and CEO; Mayor Peter Cantu of Plainsboro Township; Jack Chamberlain, PHCS Board of Trustees Chairman; Gerald Ronon, principal of Lubert-Adler Management (the firm that will redevelop the hospital's Witherspoon campus); Robert Durkee, vice president and secretary of Princeton University, which will acquire the Merwick Care Center lands and the Franklin Avenue parking lot; and James Fitzwater, manager of corporate communications of FMC.

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Peace Train Set For Statewide Rally Dec. 3

A "Peace Train" will begin in Trenton and stop in Princeton and New Brunswick on its way to Newark on Saturday, December 3. Its purpose is to express the growing opposition to the Bush administration's policies in Iraq, where more than 2,100 U.S. soldiers and up to 100,000 Iraqi civilians have now died.

Simultaneous kick-off rallies are scheduled for 10:30 a.m. at the Trenton Train Station and will also begin at 10:30 a.m. at the Shuttle ("Dinky") Station on University Place in Princeton. People are encouraged to come to the pre-boarding rallies, even if they do not intend to board the train going all the way to Newark.

Following the rallies, participants may board trains at 11:11 a.m. in Trenton and at 11:13 a.m. at the Dinky. Participants are responsible for purchasing their own train tickets.

Confirmed to speak at the Trenton pre-boarding rally is Michael Hoffman, an Iraq war veteran who is co-founder of

Iraq Vets Against the War.

Among the confirmed speakers at the Princeton pre-boarding rally are the Rev. Dr. George Hunsinger, professor at Princeton Theological Seminary; Sue Niederer, whose son was killed in Iraq; Dr. Parvalz Malik, former president of the Islamic Society of Central New Jersey; three representatives of NJ Students for Peace, an affiliate of the Coalition for Peace Action with participants from five area high schools; and the Rev. Robert Moore, executive director of Coalition for Peace Action.

After arriving at Penn Station in Newark at 12:15 p.m.,

participants will join a march and rally beginning at 12:30 p.m. at Peter Francesca Park, diagonally across from the train station. The rally will be followed by a 1:15 p.m. march through Newark, with a concluding rally at Newark City Hall.

For further information, contact the Coalition at (609) 924-5022 or visit their web site, www.peacecoalition.org.

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The Princeton Township Department of Public Works has extended its loose leaf pick-up program to include an additional collection period running from December 19 through December 29. The collection will be town-wide, weather permitting and no brush will be picked up. Public Works officials are still encouraging residents to bag their own leaves for weekly removal through December 29. Leaves in the loose leaf collection must be out on the curb by 7 a.m. and at least 10 feet away from a storm drain or fire hydrant.

Any future development at the current site of the University Medical Center at Princeton could become more fully realized Thursday, December 8, at 7:30 p.m. at Township Hall, when the **Regional Planning Board of Princeton** is slated to hold a public hearing on amendments to the Princeton Community Master Plan. The Board will decide whether to add a section, "Re-use of the Wither- spoon Street Medical Center Campus" to the Master plan, and will hear public comment.

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A SPECIAL THANKSGIVING AT ELM COURT: Last Wednesday Borough police officers served an early Thanksgiving dinner to 30 residents of Elm Court, a subsidized housing facility for the elderly and disabled. The gesture was much appreciated. The servers (from left) are Patrolmen Sean Cahill and John Furyk, Detective Carol Raymond, Sgt. Sharon Papp, and Patrolmen Luis Navas and Chris Tash.

No Dawn Stampedes, But Black Friday Still Packs a Local Economic Punch

In Princeton, the day after Thanksgiving, commonly known as "Black Friday," is never quite as exciting as it is on television, where images of wild consumers running over one another at the Wal-Mart starting gates are looped endlessly on newscasts throughout the four-day weekend.

But it is a special day for other reasons in Princeton, where retailers and restaurateurs alike enjoy throngs of crowds coming out to participate in the annual

Palmer Square tree lighting or to simply take advantage of what is for most children, and for some adults, a prized day off.

"My customers can get some ideas today; they don't necessarily shop today," said Kathie Marolda, owner of the Cranbury Station Gallery on Palmer Square East. "They do stop in, but I always think

Down on Palmer Square West, Princeton For New Orleans, a conglomerate of local merchants, Princeton University, and the municipalities assisting in relief efforts after Hurricane Katrina, hosted the kick-off of its gift-wrapping fund-raiser. Shoppers are encouraged to have their gift wrapping done there, and leave a donation for the relief fund.

Volunteer giftwrapper and President of the Princeton Regional Chamber of Commerce Kristin Appelget said the goal for the holidays is to bring people in from outside the town boundaries.

A partnership with Am-Trak has resulted in posters at New York's Penn Station, Philadelphia's 30th Street Station and at stops along New Jersey Transit's Northeast Corridor line promoting the "Holidays In Princeton" campaign — an initiative of the Chamber's Visitors and Conventions Bureau and "PAACC the House," the Princeton Area Arts and Cultural Consortium.

"We didn't have to go out and create events," Ms. Appelget said, citing annual performances of *The Nutcracker* and *A Christmas Carol* and the tree lighting. "It was bringing all that to-

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of this as the day they bring in their relatives to show off the town. And we're happy to show it off to them."

Some clothing stores, however, benefitted not only from the heavy crowds, but from the fact that Friday was the area's first legitimate cold day. Shoppers were out, but once the cold set in, they realized that now might be the time to buy an extra sweater or coat.

"People finally started to realize that it's not summer anymore and we're finally starting to get into winter," said Henry Landau of Landau's on Nassau Street. That Mother Nature played a beneficial hand in Friday's success as well was evident in the crowd of shoppers that milled around the showroom mid-afternoon.

But the one-two punch of cold weather and the start of intense holiday shopping, Mr. Landau said, was part of a steady increase in business all over town for the past several weeks.

The cold weather helps, but "we've been busy the past three weeks," Mr. Landau said.

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gether to show to the outside world and maybe people will come into town, get something to eat, see a show, and do some shopping." A Web site, www.HolidaysInPrinceton.com, links to a "Jersey Arts Weekend for Two," whose grand prize includes two nights at the Nassau Inn.

While most merchants know better than to focus too closely on one Black Friday, the official kick-off to the manic shopping season is appropriately named: "It's always our busiest day of the year, whether it's a big shopping day or a big 'looking' day," said David Newton, vice president of Palmer Square Management, echoing Ms. Marolda's observations. "A lot of people come here and if they don't buy today, they'll come back to buy later."

—Matthew Hersh

WWS Hosts Discussion On Black Intellectuals

Avalon Professor in the Humanities at the University of Pennsylvania Michael Eric Dyson, the author of *Is Bill Cosby Right Or Has the Black Middle Class Lost Its Mind?* will join Princeton University Associate Professor of Religion and Acting Director of the Program in African-American Studies Eddie S. Glaude in a public discussion entitled, "Is Michael Eric Dyson Right? Or Have the New Black Public Intellectuals Lost Their Minds?" at 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, December

6, in Dodds Auditorium, Robertson Hall, on the Princeton University campus.

An ordained Baptist minister, radio commentator, and author, Mr. Dyson is best known for his commentary on American culture, particularly as it pertains to African Americans. In *Is Bill Cosby Right?*, he criticizes statements comedian Bill Cosby made in a 2004 speech contending that the social and economic ills among African Americans were the result of their own failure to take responsibility for their families and communities. In his book, Dyson argues that Cosby's criticism amounts to an attack by the "aristocracy" upon poor urban blacks.

Mr. Glaude received the Williams Sanders Scarborough Prize for his book *Exo-*

du! Religion, Race, and Nation in Early 19th Century Black America. His forthcoming work includes *African-American Religious Thought: An Anthology*, co-edited with Cornel West.

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Solving Route 206 Traffic Problems Will Take Time, Consultant Says

Two weeks after announcing that the New Jersey Department of Transportation had appropriated \$100,000 to fund an independent study of the Route 206 corridor from Nassau Street to Cherry Valley Road, the group dealt with ways to manage problems raised by residents in a series of meetings. The two groups conducting the Route 206 study — the Orlando-based Glatting Jackson, and the Philadelphia-based Urban Engineers — will host resident consultations in the Township Hall Community Room today, November 30, from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 1:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. "erase" all potential solutions and tomorrow, December 1, offered during the one-and-a-half-hour presentation and appointments must be made move forward with an open mind.

Residents living along the corridor have long expressed concern about the speeding trucks, accidents, and heavy volume of truck traffic. In 2004, a group of residents, calling themselves "Citizens for a Safer Route 206" began working with Mr. Hearon on a project that resulted in the grant that will fund a study using context-sensitive design (CSD), a collaborative method approach to transportation problems.

Princeton Future, a regional, community-based organization that examines in-town development, conducted a similar study last year on the

Witherspoon Street Corridor. Rather than approach residents with specific changes, the group dealt with ways to manage problems raised by residents in a series of meetings. The two groups conducting the Route 206 study — the Orlando-based Glatting Jackson, and the Philadelphia-based Urban Engineers — will host resident consultations in the Township Hall Community Room today, November 30, from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 1:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. "erase" all potential solutions and tomorrow, December 1, offered during the one-and-a-half-hour presentation and appointments must be made move forward with an open mind.

Dubbed the "Montreal to Mobile Expressway" by frustrated residents along the corridor, Route 206 has increasingly become a cut-through for truck traffic from I-287 enroute to I-95, causing residents to worry about pedestrian mobility, safety, and noise on the stretch running through Princeton. Ian Lockwood, a consultant with Glatting Jackson, said that while many of the problems associated with Route 206 are regional, some can be addressed locally by using standard traffic-calming methods such as increased tree plantings, an increased road

network that does not funnel all cars to one dominant roadway, and by creating roundabouts — smaller in scale than the common traffic circle — like the one Princeton University installed on Faculty Road to ease problems caused by the mixture of through traffic and cars entering and exiting the University's parking hub on that part of campus.

Mr. Lockwood's firm is currently planning a roundabout for the intersection of Routes 518 and 29 in Lambertville, a historically difficult intersection.

By January, Mr. Lockwood said, the information gathered from the residents will be used to devise a "master plan" for Route 206 street design. "We've literally engineered our environments to be so car dependent," he said, addressing concerns that 206 would one day be a four-lane highway by adding: "a city or a town is a lot better off with two-lane roads with turn lanes rather than a few four-lane roads."

Mr. Lockwood also encouraged the idea of developers putting up buildings that face the street, rather than internalizing a development.


Addressing Mr. Lockwood's suggestion that more small roads might make the differ-

ence, Peter Madison, a member of the Regional Planning Board, said that "a lot of potential resistance" could result if more roads were proposed. Mr. Lockwood said that a policy of creating an enhanced network of roads would normally apply to new development and not impact existing infrastructure. "We don't normally open cul-de-sacs," he said.

Mr. Lockwood added that reducing truck traffic could be implemented through municipal policy.

— Matthew Hersh

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Wilson School Presents "Alarm Me" Discussion

The Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs will present a public panel discussion entitled, "Alarm Me," at 4:30

p.m. on Wednesday, December 7, in Bowl 016, Robertson Hall on the Princeton University campus. The panel is being held in conjunction with "Alarm Me," an exhibition of paintings, drawings, mixed media, and installation art by Princeton artist Frances Heinrich on display in the Bernstein Gallery through February 3, 2006.

The panel will include Princeton Professor of Psychology Susan T. Fiske and Woodrow Wilson School Lecturer of Public Affairs Donna M. Liu. The moderator will be Faculty Chair of the Undergraduate Programs and Director of the Center for Arts and Cultural Policy Stanley N. Katz.

The event is free and open to the public.

Nine Births Reported At Princeton Hospital

The Princeton HealthCare System has reported nine births to area residents during the week ending November 28.

Sons were born to Sabina and Munir Ghessani, West Windsor, November 16; Angel and John Beeson, Princeton, November 17; Mia Cahill and Matthew Sanidas, Princeton, November 28; and Debra and Richard Rubin, Kingston, November 28.

Daughters were born to Debora Mancini DiNardo and Victor DiNardo, Princeton, November 18; Angle and Davide Crichton, Princeton Junction, November 21; Stacy and Adam Schwartz, West Windsor, November 22; Eva Martin and James Bash, Princeton, November 25; and Soumaya Entouaddite and Yazeed Khayyat, Lawrenceville, November 27.

WEDDINGS



Danielle Unis and Andrew von Moyrhauser

Unis-von Moyrhauser. Danielle Lynne Unis, daughter of Joe and Georgette Unis of Claremont, Calif., to Andrew Kurt von Moyrhauser, son of Stanford and Barbara von Moyrhauser of Princeton, on August 13 at the Marlin Art and Garden Center in Ross, Calif. The Rev. Molly Darling officiated.

The reception was also held at the Art and Garden Center.

The maid of honor was the bride's sister Claire Benjamin. Bridesmaids were the sister of the groom, Christina von Moyrhauser, and friends Sara Nieburg and Faye Rosenbaum. The best men were the groom's brother-in-law Adam Fratto and friends Rich Baumel, Al Goddard, and Eric Taylor.

The bride earned a bachelor of arts degree from Amherst College and a master of fine arts degree in creative writing from Mills College. She is a copywriter for Ubisoft, an international video game company in San Francisco.

The bridegroom, a 1989 graduate of Princeton High School, earned a bachelor of arts degree from Dartmouth College. He is a sixth grade teacher at the Head-Royce School in Oakland, Calif.

The couple resides in Oakland.



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The Township of Princeton is extending its loose leaf collection schedule to include an additional loose leaf collection beginning on Monday, December 19th and continuing through Thursday, December 29th.

This collection will take place township wide, weather permitting. No brush will be picked up at this time. Residents are encouraged to bag their leaves for weekly removal through December 29th.

Loose leaves are to be placed directly on the paved road not more than 3 feet from the road or curb line and must be out for collection for this additional pick-up by 7:00 a.m. Monday morning December 19th. Please do not place them within 10 feet of a storm drain or fire hydrant.

After all removal has been completed, the street sweeper will sweep all township roads, weather permitting.

Complete collection schedules can be found on the township website, www.princetontwp.org. Click on "Departments", then "Public Works" for the complete 2006 collection schedule for all removal programs.

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Hospital Relocation

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into the pros and cons of there being a hospital.

"I think had we chosen that site and worked with the people of the Canal Pointe area, most of them would have thought differently about it.

That more or less left the hospital looking eastward, toward Plainsboro, which is closer to its geographical service area than the Princeton campus is. Mr. Rabner said that the FMC site was ultimately preferable to University lands on College Road East because of its access points: two from Route 1, one from Scudders Mill Road, and one from Plainsboro Road. Also, he added, vehicles travelling south on Route 1 toward Princeton can enter a future hospital site using the Scudders Mill Road exchange.

"It will be very visible, which makes it very easy to get to," Mr. Rabner said,

adding that the site lies virtually midway between Helene Fuld Medical Center in Trenton, Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital, and St. Peter's University Hospital in New Brunswick.

At a news conference Tuesday, Jack Chamberlin, PHCS board of trustees chairman, said he hoped to see a new hospital break ground sometime in 2007, and that a new facility would be compliant with Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEEDS) standards, adding that there were fewer than 10 hospitals in the country that are currently LEEDS compliant.

PHCS will submit a Certificate of Need to the New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services today, November 30. Additionally, PHCS has employed the architectural firm Hellmuth, Obata & Kassabaum, in conjunction with Hillier Architecture, to design the new facility. The \$350 million pricetag of a new hos-

pital will include land acquisition, construction, and medical equipment.

The new hospital, Mr. Rabner said Monday night, will retain "Princeton" in its name.

The Regional Planning Board of Princeton will hold a public hearing on amendments to the Princeton Community Master Plan in regard to the current hospital site next Thursday, December 8 at 7:30 p.m. at Township Hall. Most of the site, which straddles the Borough/Township line, is zoned strictly for hospital use and needs to be rezoned to make way for what is likely to be a mix of commercial, residential, and open space uses.

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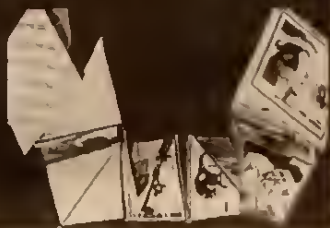
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Police Blotter

A late-night robbery at the Mobil gas station in Rocky Hill on November 19 resulted in the arrest and incarceration of James J. Komegay, 21, of Leigh Avenue. Also arrested for the crime was Dana A. Swainson, 20, of Ewing Township. Two other accomplices fled from police on foot after their getaway car was spotted and stopped in Redding Circle at approximately 3:30 a.m..

The crime, described by Township Police as aggravated assault and robbery, took place shortly before 3 a.m. when an unidentified attendant at the gas station was allegedly robbed and assaulted by four black males, one of whom struck him in the head and kicked him on the ground. The attendant was able to give police a description of the robbers' vehicle, however, leading to the subsequent arrests at Redding Circle.

Mr. Komegay was charged with aggravated assault, robbery, and unlawful possession of a weapon, then placed in Mercer County Detention Center in lieu of \$40,000 bail. Mr. Swainson, also charged with aggravated assault, robbery, and unlawful possession, was released after posting bail, \$20,000 in his case.

No property was reported stolen from the Mobil station. The investigation of the crime is continuing, as a result of which Police believe they may know the identity of the other two suspects.

Another Leigh Avenue resident, Ernst Wolff Delma, 22, was arrested by Borough Police on November 23 on an active warrant from the Burlington County Sheriff's Office for receiving stolen property. He was taken to Borough Police Headquarters, then turned over to the Burlington County Sheriff.

Also on November 23, Carmen H. Nay, 24, of North Brunswick was arrested following a motor vehicle stop, on active warrants out of North Brunswick and New Brunswick totalling \$16,050. She was processed at Borough Police Headquarters, then turned over to the New Brunswick Police Department after being unable to post bail.

A homeowner on Van Dyke Road reported the theft of a \$4,000 bicycle, a yellow Quinona Roo 650 Tri-Athlete, from his detached garage sometime between 8 p.m. November 22 and 3:30 p.m. November 23. Township Police theorized that the criminal mischievous and burglar(s) had entered the garage by removing several panes of glass from a garage window. Once inside the garage, they apparently removed the bike through the garage door.

Police have no suspects at this time.

On November 11, Borough Police officers responded to a report of an intoxicated person acting disorderly at the Nassau Inn. Upon arrival they found the accused man, Todd M. Coyer, 32, of Belle Mead, being detained by the hotel's security personnel. During

the course of their investigation Mr. Coyer reportedly became combative. He then resisted arrest but was eventually subdued. He was taken to the University Medical Center at Princeton for observation, then brought to Police Headquarters for processing, where he was charged with aggravated assault, resisting arrest, and disorderly conduct. He was subsequently released on his own recognizance after posting bail of \$3,700.

On November 18 at 3:30 a.m., Borough Police investigated reports of an incident at the University's Cap and Gown Club on Prospect Avenue, in which three men allegedly threw a wooden park bench through a large plate glass window at the club after being asked to leave it.

The three men arrested, all Princeton University students, were Michael A. Gaudio, 21, of Cheshire, Conn.; Michael DeSantis, 21, of Sudbury, Mass.; and Benjamin Jackson, 20, of Hampton Cove, Ala. They were charged with criminal mischief and assigned a November 28 court date.

On November 20 at 4:45 a.m., another Princeton University student, Stuart Anderson, was arrested and charged with criminal sexual contact following an incident at another eating club on campus, Tiger Inn. The female victim was also a Princeton University student.

Mr. Anderson, 20, of Wescosville, Pa., was charged with two counts of aggravated criminal sexual contact and one count of lewdness, then released on bail of \$25,000.

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"Spending it with my family and friends."

— Nutcracker (Mike Caluscek, Princeton)



"Cheer, a lot of fun and a snowy December."

— Chris Kunkle, West Windsor



"Spending time with my family."

— Ana Martin, Plainsboro (with Neil, Rachel and Zach)



Carolyn Kepcher Women's Conference Features Trump Executive

Trump executive and star of the NBC hit show *The Apprentice*, Carolyn Kepcher, will be the keynote speaker at Princeton HealthCare System's third annual conference for women. Wife, mother, author, and executive vice president of the Trump Organization, Ms. Kepcher is scheduled to give a presentation that includes her views on motherhood, relationships, women's issues, and the business world. She will also give her take on how to achieve personal and professional success, while highlighting some of her most memorable experiences in her various roles as a working mother.

The event, "Embracing Change, Moving in New Directions," will be held this Saturday, December 3, from 7:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Hyatt Regency Princeton.

Ms. Kepcher, 36, is a managing partner of Trump Golf Management, LLC, which consolidates under one umbrella all Trump golf properties, their operations and marketing. In addition, she is the Chief Operating Officer for the Trump National Golf Club in Briarcliff Manor, New York and the Trump National Golf Club in Bedminster. She has been with the Trump Organization since 1994 and is a key player in the development of future Trump golf properties worldwide. She will speak on how she has embraced change

and moved in new directions through her many roles in life.

"This year's session will focus on recognizing the benefits of inevitable changes that accompany all of us throughout life," said Carol Norris, spokesperson for Princeton HealthCare System.

In addition to Ms. Kepcher, the conference will include many of the area's leading experts in women's health and wellness. Physicians and staff from Princeton HealthCare System will lead seminars and panel discussions on topical issues affecting women. Some of this year's seminars focusing on coping with change

are: Nutrition & Exercise: It's Not Just About Weight Loss; Heart Health: Facts for Every Woman; Supplementing Your Mind & Body: The Facts About Vitamins and Herbs; The Sandwich Generation: How to Cope When Your Plate is Full; Maintaining Flexibility & Agility; Identity Theft: How to Protect Yourself from Fraud; and Healthy Communication: The Key to Successful Relationships.

Registration for Embracing Change, Moving in New Directions is \$45 per person, which includes all seminars, breakfast and lunch. Free childcare will be available. For more

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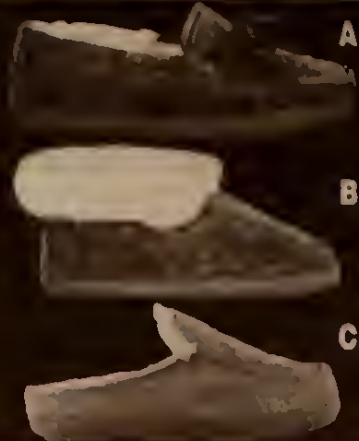
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The all-volunteer Princeton Fire Department responded to more than 20 calls since November 21. Fire and carbon monoxide alarms were set off by construction, careless cooking, and malfunctioning systems from residences, schools, and businesses on Nassau Street, Witherspoon Street, Farrand Road, Karen Court, Spring Street, Marion Road East, and Edgerstoune Road.

On the evening of the November 21, crews responded to Crooked Tree Lane for a report of a fire caused by wires arcing in a tree. Despite the falling rain the fire continued to burn while the fire department waited for PSE&G to de-energize the wire. When PSE&G cut the power to the wire, the smoldering ground was cooled down.

On November 22, crews responded to an active natural gas leak at a University Place multi-family residence. After isolating the leak, crews ventilated the building and checked it for pockets of gas.

That evening another wires-related call brought crews to Ewing Street at Franklin Avenue, where a large tree had brought wires down and eventually a telephone pole. Crews remained on site for three and a half hours while the scene was cleared by Public Works and PSE&G crews.

On the morning of November 23, a heating oil leak at a home on Birch Avenue brought crews from the Princeton Fire Department as well as the hazardous materials team from Trenton Fire Department. The leak was contained in the basement of the residence.

At midnight on November 24, crews from all three stations responded to a reported chimney fire at a Basin Street residence. Upon arrival they found embers coming from the chimney and a heavy smoke condition inside the

home. With smoke also showing from the eaves, interior crews gained access to the attic area to check for extension of the fire while the roof crew advanced a hard line. The fire was under control quickly, having started in the chimney of a wood-burning fireplace that was being used as the primary source of heat for the building.

In the evening of November 24, a Mt. Lucas resident called to report seeing something on fire falling from the sky. A search of the area found nothing.

In the afternoon of November 27, a car fire was reported in the Tulane Street parking lot. Police department personnel knocked down the bulk of the fire prior to fire department arrival.

The Princeton Fire Department is an all-volunteer organization and always needs new members. Anyone interested in volunteering please call (609) 497-7646 or (609) 731-1314.

Safety Fact of the Week

A portable fire extinguisher can save lives and property by putting out a small fire or containing it until the fire department arrives; but portable extinguishers have limitations. Because fire grows and spreads so rapidly, the number one priority for residents is to get out safely.

Safety tips:

Use a portable fire extinguisher when the fire is confined to a small area, such as a wastebasket, and is not growing; when everyone has exited the building and the fire department has been called or is being called; and when the room is not filled with smoke.

To operate a fire extinguisher, remember the word PASS:

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Squeeze the lever slowly and evenly.

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For the home, select a multi-purpose extinguisher that can be used on all types of home fires and that is large enough to put out a small fire, but not so heavy as to be difficult to handle.

Choose a fire extinguisher that carries the label of an independent testing laboratory.

Read the instructions that come with the fire extinguisher and become familiar with its parts and operation before a fire breaks out. Local fire departments or fire equipment distributors often offer hands-on fire extinguisher training.

Install fire extinguishers close to an exit and keep your back to a clear exit when you use the device so you can make an easy escape if the fire cannot be controlled. If the room fills with smoke, leave immediately.

Know when to go. Fire extinguishers are one element of a fire response plan, but the primary element is safe escape. Every household should have a home fire escape plan.

Rescue Report

On Tuesday evening, November 22, the Princeton First Aid & Rescue Squad responded to Meadow Road in West Windsor for a motor vehicle collision. The crew found two vehicles with severe front-end damage and air bag deployment, the result of an impact after one of the cars reportedly ran a red light near the intersection to the onramp of Route 1. The driver of one vehicle suffered chest pains as a result of the impact and was taken to University Medical Center at Princeton for evaluation. The driver of the other car reported no injuries. Shortly after transporting the patient to the hospital, the Squad was dispatched to the Princeton Township Police Department for a 26 year-old man injured in a bicycle accident. The patient reported that he flew over the handlebars of his bicycle and landed on the pavement when he slammed on the brakes to avoid impacting a car that had cut him off. Despite being injured, the patient reportedly walked to the nearby police station to get help. The crew discovered significant damage to the patient's helmet and injuries to his left arm, nose and front tooth. Fortunately, the use of a helmet appears to have reduced the potential for severe injuries. The patient's arm and spine were immobilized as a precaution and ice was applied to his nose before transport to UMCP for additional treatment.

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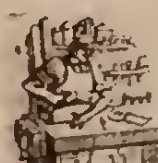
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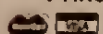
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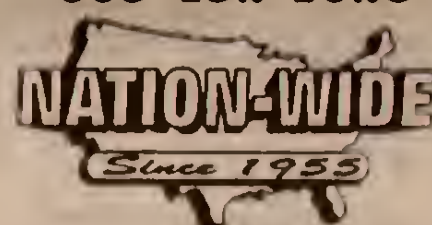
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Handmade items on sale include scarves, children's clothing, note cards, and baked goods.

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Dorothea's House Hosts Lecture on U.S. and Italy

Paolo Mastrolilli, the New York correspondent for the Italian newspaper *La Stampa* and Vatican Radio, will talk about relations between the U.S. and Italy on December 4 at 5 p.m. at Dorothea's House.

Through the Freedom of Information Act, Mr. Mastrolilli obtained reports written by the CIA and the State Department about all the major events in Italy from 1948 to 2004. He has also written a book with Maurizio Molinari about Italy as seen by the CIA, *L'Italia vista dallo CIA 1948-2004*.

The programs at Dorothea's House, located at 120 John Street at the corner of Paul Robeson Place, are free to the community. The public is invited to bring a refreshment to share in the reception following the program.

For a list of the scheduled programs, the Italian language classes for adults and children, and the history of Dorothea's House, check the web site www.dorotheashouse.org.

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Place olive oil in a heavy pot over medium high heat. Add green peppers, onions, jalapenos, and chili powder and sauté just until chili powder becomes fragrant, about 1 minute. Add kidney beans, tomato sauce, and honey. Simmer over medium heat for 15 minutes, or until chili reaches desired thickness.

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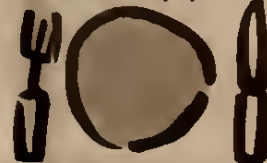
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Author, Producer Eldon At Lawrenceville School

Author and producer Amy Eldon will speak at the Lawrenceville School on December 6 at 7 p.m. in the Heely Room of the School's Memorial Hall. In addition to discussing her work as executive director of GlobalTribe, she will host a screening of *Dying To Tell The Story*, the Emmy-nominated documentary she narrated and produced. The film examines the lives of photojournalists working in war zones, including that of her brother Dan, who was killed in 1993 at the age of 22 while on assignment for Reuters in Somalia.

Ms. Eldon's talk is part of the Lawrenceville School's annual Visiting Artist Lecture Series, which was inaugurated in 2002 with the artists Christo and Jeanne-Claude. She is appearing in conjunction with an exhibit of her brother's work, "Dan Eldon: Images of War/Celebrations of Peace," which will be on display through December 14 in the Marguerite and James Hutchins Gallery of Lawrenceville's Gruss Center of the Visual Arts. The traveling exhibit features Dan Eldon's photographs as well as documenting the drawings, paintings, and mixed media images with which he filled his journals as he traveled the world.

Ms. Eldon co-produced and co-hosted "Global Trek in Search of New Lebanon," a half-hour travel program for CNN International, and she co-produced "Soldiers of Peace: A Children's Crusade."

The author of *Angel Catcher for Kids*, she also co-authored *Soul Catcher: A Journal to Help You Become Who You Really Are*, *Angel Catcher: A Journal of Loss and Remembrance*, and *Love Catcher: A Journal to Invite More Love Into Your Life*.

GlobalTribe is an initiative of Creative Visions, a U.S.-based public foundation that uses the power of media — including books, websites, and documentaries — to inspire positive social change.

The Gruss Center is located on the School's campus at 2500 Main Street in Lawrenceville. The gallery is open Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. and from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Visitors are also welcome on Wednesdays and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. For additional information, call (609) 620-6026

or contact Lisa Giberson at lgiberson@lawrenceville.org.

PHS Library Will Host Workshop for New SAT

The Princeton High School Library will host a free workshop about the new SAT and the SAT II tests from 7:30 to 9 p.m. on Wednesday, December 7. The workshop will be led by Adam Robinson, author of *The Rocket Review Revolution: The Ultimate Guide to the New SAT*.

Mr. Robinson will discuss various techniques included in his latest book, as well as his latest software inventions, including Omni/Proctor, which recreates the exact ambience of a test environment, and RocketScore, which uses artificial intelligence to grade a student's

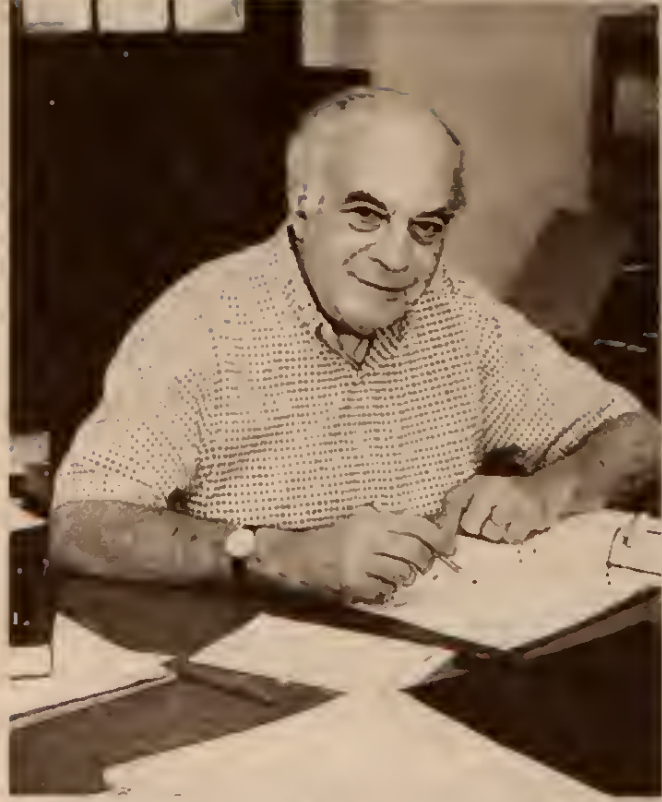
SAT essay and offer suggested improvements.

Mr. Robinson's book will be on sale at the conclusion of his presentation. A portion of each sale will be donated to the Princeton High School Library.

The program will be held in the PHS cafeteria and is open to parents and students from area schools.

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AUTHOR/PHILOSOPHER: Harry G. Frankfurt, Emeritus professor of philosophy at Princeton University and author of the surprise best-seller, "On Bulls-t," will talk about the questions posed in his book at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, December 5, in the Community Room of the Princeton Public Library. Copies of the book will be available for purchase and signing.

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The Mercer Chapter of the **International Association of Administrative Professionals** will hold its holiday meeting on Thursday, December 1 from 6 to 9 p.m. at Tiffany's Family Dining in Mercerville. Admission will be \$20; all administrative professionals are welcome.

The theme of the meeting will be "The Legend of the Polinsettia." For more information, call Mary at (609) 627-5915.

The **Mercer Regional Chamber of Commerce** will hold a breakfast meeting on Wednesday, December 7 at 8 a.m. at the Holiday Inn of Princeton. Admission will be \$20 for members in advance, \$25 for members at the door, or \$30 for non-members.

A general membership luncheon will be held on Wednesday, December 15 at 11:30 a.m. at the Westin Princeton, featuring a "Holiday Cabaret" performance by Westminster Choir College. Admission will be \$30 for members in advance, \$35 for members at the door, or \$50 for non-members.

The **Human Resources Management Association (HRMA)** will host a Holiday Speed Networking event, an opportunity to network with other HR professionals, on Monday, December 12 from 5:30 to 8 p.m. at the Princeton Hyatt Hotel. For more information, visit www.hrma-nj.org.

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Residents of Overbrook Drive United In Opposition to Proposed Sidewalks

Editor's Note: The following is a copy of a letter to Township Mayor Phyllis L. Morchond and the Township Committee.

Dear Mayor Marchand and other members of the Township Committee:

We, the undersigned residents of Overbrook Drive, write in order to make clear our strong, united opposition to the proposed installation of sidewalks on one or both sides of our street. Adding sidewalks to Overbrook Drive will not solve a safety problem, it will damage the feel of the neighborhood, and it will divert much-needed public funds from other more deserving projects. We urge your Committee to plan for improvements to the roadway without imposing the needless, destructive, and expensive option of sidewalks.

We appreciate the time that you and the members of the engineering and public safety staff spent at the neighborhood meeting on November 1. We hope we made it clear that we all acknowledge the need for resurfacing Overbrook Drive, which has been neglected for too many years. Some of us prefer overlayment to full reconstruction, and some object to using Belgian bricks for curbing, but we all agree that the road needs resurfacing. We concur that speeding and excess traffic are big problems, and we support a broad, community-based effort to solve them. And we applaud your decision to direct the Engineering Department to ameliorate the problems with drainage.

We believe there is no compelling safety reason for the construction of sidewalks on this particular 1,500-foot stretch of roadway. Unlike many sections of Snowden Lane, Overbrook Drive does not have schoolchildren competing with cars or exposing themselves to vehicular danger. Sidewalks are already in place where they are needed, on the roads leading directly to Littlebrook School.

Destroying green areas to make way for more sidewalk paving, whether blacktop or concrete, contradicts the Township's commitment to maximizing green space for all who live here. Tearing up grass for sidewalks will serve no clear public purpose, and it will irrevocably mar the character of our neighborhood.

We are opposed to sidewalks in our neighborhood for financial reasons as well. Many of us are retired senior citizens who can ill afford further tax increases. Our tax bills are projected to rise already without this unnecessary expense. Adding sidewalks where they are not needed also adds to the financial burden on all Township residents, and we believe that money would be better spent solving real community problems.

We urge you to direct the Engineering Department to devise a plan for the resurfacing of the road that does not use sidewalks, on either side of the street. The version of the Princeton Community Master Plan dated October 2, 2003 (the only version currently available on the Internet) in fact shows no proposed sidewalks for Overbrook Drive. We hope that your Committee will respect the judgment of the overwhelming majority of the residents of Overbrook Drive in deciding how to proceed.

We ask that, first, sidewalks be removed from the project description for the resurfacing of Overbrook Drive. Secondly, we ask that before any plans are put out for bidding, the resurfacing of Overbrook Drive be discussed in a public meeting of Township Committee in which the concerns of residents be given full consideration. Third, we ask that the public meeting of the Township Committee to vote on the final plans be scheduled for January, since many of us have commitments out of town during December.

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YWCA Princeton Thanks Supporters For Successful Crafters' Marketplace

To the Editor:

On behalf of the YWCA Princeton, I want to thank everyone who contributed to the success of our recent Crafters' Marketplace held at Educational Testing Service on November 19 and 20 — the many dedicated volunteers who gave so generously of their time, talent and hard work; ETS for being so accommodating and generous; and the hundreds of patrons who came through the doors to shop and support this event.

Proceeds from Crafters' Marketplace go directly to the YWCA Princeton's Pearl Bates Scholarship Fund. For 31 years this fund has helped make the programs and activities of the YWCA accessible to all children and adults wishing to participate.

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Dr. Cheiten has written seven full-length, produced plays, and numerous poems, short stories, sketches, and song lyrics. The November 30 selections will be from various works, including *Zenobia*, a play produced in August by Princeton University as part of

Princeton Summer Theatre. Some of his other plays are *Queen Jane*, which was produced in 1976 at Forbes College, Princeton, and *The Vault*, which was staged in 1980 at the Theater Center in Philadelphia. He has written for the Princeton Alumni Weekly, the Inn Cabaret, and numerous New Jersey theatre companies.

His poems and short stories have appeared in *The Princeton Arts Review* and in the last seven Summer Fiction Issues of the *US 1* magazine.

His lyric *A Little English Girl*, with musical setting by Princeton Symphony Orchestra's Mark Laycock, debuted

at the 1860 House, and was performed in May at the Kirby Arts Center of Lawrenceville School. In 2004, *Go On*, another of his original songs set to music by Mark Laycock, premiered at Richardson Auditorium, where it was performed by singer Steve Bogardus.

Dr. Cheiten was educated at Rutgers Prep and Princeton, where he received his Ph.D. in French Literature.

An exhibition, "The Art of the Book," will be on view at the time of the reading.

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Authors and Publisher Unite at Chicklet Books

Red Hummingbird Press will present "Authors and Publisher Unite" on Friday, December 16 at 7 p.m. at Chicklet Books, 381 Triangle Road in Hillsborough.

Hanna Fox, publisher of the independent, Princeton-based publishing company, and her two authors to date, Virginia Stuart and Paula Bramsen Cullen, will discuss their unique experiences in proceeding from manuscript to book. Rosemary Foglesong, store manager of Chicklet Books and Glen Echo Books in Princeton, will host the event.

Excerpts will be read from Ms. Stuart's novel, *Candle in a Dark Time*, based on the Danish rescue of the Jews during World War II and Ms. Cullen's poetry collection, *The Sun's Palette: Poems and Tapestries*, which explores the ironies of human interactions. Authors and publisher will discuss the publishing process from the authors' and

publisher/editor's perspectives and open the discussion to the audience. Authors will sign copies of their books, which will be available at Chicklet prior to and at the event. Some of Ms. Cullen's original abstract needlepoint tapestries will be on display.

Ms. Fox, a writer and teacher of writing in the Princeton area for three decades, founded Red Hummingbird Press in 2002. Believing too many good books had not made it into the literary marketplace, she committed herself to creating an independent press to select and work closely with authors from diverse backgrounds. Stuart and Cullen were involved in pre-publication decisions regarding the editing, design, and marketing of their books and their post-publication promotion. They also have joined the press's board.

Speaking about *Candle in a Dark Time*, Ms. Stuart, 91, said, "I wrote the novel because, although this was an effort that was made on a grand scale, I wanted to explore the feelings of individuals who were involved: ordinary people who found themselves in the middle of this moral dilemma of major consequence."

Ms. Cullen's second collection of poems includes her original abstract needlepoint tapestries, which offer an added dimension to her words.

"Creating my needlepoint designs on canvas feels as if I am sculpting color," said the poet/artist. "Collisions of line and yarn mirror the unpredictable shape and direction through which all our lives evolve."

In February Ms. Fox will publish Red Hummingbird Press' third book, *Black in Two Worlds: A Personal Perspective on Higher Education* by Carl A. Fields, the first black administrator at Princeton University, who subsequently was a planning officer at the University of Zambia. In addition to publishing, Red Hummingbird Press has also begun to offer editorial services.

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A Book is a Book is a Book - Isn't It?

There's a little book of photographs by André Kertész called *On Reading* that shows people in various settings and situations, book or printed matter in hand, gazing intently at some text. Since they were absorbed in the act the photographer was recording, none of them knew they were being photographed. Among the readers are an old woman sitting up in bed at a French hospice; a top-hatted carnival girl slumped in a chair in front of a carnival display, charmingly absorbed in her reading; a man in a straight chair on a rooftop; some barefoot kids somewhere in Hungary in 1916 sharing a book; a boy couched on a bed of newspapers reading a newspaper; an old man in a coat at an outdoor book stall who seems to be sucking oxygen from the pages of the volume he's holding up to his face. There are people reading on the subway or sprawled on the sidewalk, in backyards, in gazebos, in studies, propped against trees, or amid the junk in second-hand shops, all at different times and places over a span of fifty years. Whether it's hack work or Shakespeare, a newspaper or a racing form, what's actually being read doesn't matter. What matters is the random, thoughtful moment Kertész has captured. There's a special grace about these people absorbed in the act of reading. They might almost be praying.

The point of this lengthy preface to a review of "Books as Objects of Art" at the Montgomery Arts Center is just to suggest the difference between the magnetic power of "real books" and the limited nature of the book idea artfully explored and employed, as it is here. Most of these art objects in the guise of books convey something like the intimate, companionable quality of the real thing reflected in Kertész's pictures where "reading" and "communing" become one. Works like Patricia Malarcher's *Field Journals* and *Doy Book*, Jean Stufflebeem's book of handkerchiefs and other found materials, and Randy Keenan's mixed-media journal, *Melbourne Travel Companion*, seem almost prohibitively personal, enough so that it seems odd to put a price on them, particularly the ones resembling scrapbooks of cherished mementoes rather than objects created for public viewing. (Almost half of the 36 works on display are not for sale.)

As much as I enjoyed "Books as Objects of Art" and curator Lore Lindenfeld's presentation of them, I found myself missing the genuine article or at least some imaginatively designed cover or receptacle for a "real" book. Ms. Lindenfeld conceived the idea for such a show early last spring and began

contacting the artists in May. She says that a number of the works were expressly fashioned to fit into the concept of the show. While it's possible to make out a wordless storyline here and there, the concept inevitably favors form and theory over content.

Robbin Ami Silverberg, who created an elaborate volume of cut-out shapes resembling letters in a text for *Musing*, refers to the cabalistic belief that "true wisdom" can be found in the "white spaces between the words and between the letters," or "negative space," as she calls it. Her examples are "the pause in a sentence" or "the gesture before the act." She also wonders if ideas can exist without language and words.

Debra Weier's books are abstract construc-

whose concept reflects his experience both as a psychologist and an architect, wants us to imagine "all the stories" behind those cut-out windows. The questions he poses are not unlike those he might have asked of a patient taking a Rorschach test. What's our reaction to the image? Where could the skyline be? Does the place exist in reality or fiction? He even wonders if we might know any of the people in the accompanying phone lists, thereby inviting us to stick our heads inside the framework of his "book" for a closer look. In effect, he wants us to supply the plot.

Of all the works on display, probably the most potentially suggestive is Ms. Stufflebeem's *Burning Book*, which is also the



IMAGINE THE STORIES: Architect Samuel G. Fortenza wants us to provide the plot for "Skyline," his mixed-media "book" with its accompanying towers of telephone directory lists. As a psychologist who has worked with families going through divorce, he no doubt knows enough stories to fill a book himself. His cut-out cityscape is on display along with the work of 14 other artists in "Books as Objects of Art," which will run through December 23 at the Montgomery Center for the Arts in the 1860 House, 124 Montgomery Road in Skillman. Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday.

tions that expand to simulate the progression of a story building toward a conclusion; so you have, in effect, a beginning, middle, and end.

Samuel G. Fortenza's silhouette-as-book, *Skyline*, is cleverly flanked by the pages of a telephone directory whose tall dense columns themselves suggest skyscrapers. In his statement (among those available in a portfolio put together by Ms. Lindenfeld), the artist,

one that comes closest to having the weight and depth of an actual volume: it also suggests quality in the making equal to the one-word text burned in large letters through its pages: *passion*.

Although it's not part of the show, one example of a similar dynamic is the edition of Stephen Crane's *Red Badge of Courage* with a bullet hole boring through it along a trail of simulated bloodstains. The

supposed bullet enters through the front cover, its perforation of the text growing gradually smaller until it exits through the back. The book was published by the West Virginia Pulp and Paper Company in 1968. The premise was that it should resemble a kit of the type that a real Civil War soldier might carry into battle. Such an adventure in book design might seem like an extravagant gimmick but it at least enters into the spirit of the narrative with its trail of "red badges" and it doesn't violate the text.

Melville's Shakespeare

I would have enjoyed seeing at least one volume in "Books as Objects of Art" that expressed the significant impact the actual printed word can have on the reading experience. I was thinking in particular of the type in the edition of Shakespeare that made it possible for Herman Melville to experience one of the central influences on the writing of *Moby Dick*. In a letter to a friend, he exclaimed that he had never "made close acquaintance with the divine William" until he found an edition "in glorious great type, every letter whereof is a soldier, & the top of every 't' like a musket barrel." What had previously prevented him from experiencing Shakespeare? The fact that the only other editions he'd had access to "happened to be in a vile small print unendurable" to his eyes.

Melville's use of the words "close acquaintance" shows how the quality of the material object made possible contact with an angel "who ranks with Gabriel, Raphael, and Michael ... another Messiah."

Melville's description of that "glorious, great type" made me curious enough to scan the Internet, where I found and ordered the same seven-volume edition of Shakespeare. Although it was printed in 1837 and spent a large part of its life in a college library in Ohio, the paper is still bright and crisp and the print is just as big and bold as Melville claimed. At the same time, each page has a texture that makes reading more intimate and more immediate. I wish a photographer had been around to take a picture of Melville, as he describes himself, "lounging on a sofa reading ... this glorious edition of Shakespeare" and exulting "over it, page after page."

Books as Objects of Art" will be on display until December 23. Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday.

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Developer Responds to Accusation Of Causing Property Deforestation

To the Editor:

I am writing in response to a letter entitled "More Than 'Conscience of Developers' Needed to Protect Our Neighborhoods" (Town Topics, October 12). In it, the authors, whose residences adjoin the rear of our property under development, paint a grim picture of a developer running rampant, insensitive to the community and concerned only with the bottom line.

To begin, they charge that they were deceived during an informal neighborhood meeting I held with them and other neighbors in June. Second, in regard to the magnitude of the tree removal, they claim "... the woods have been devastated ... much of the natural beauty of the property has been laid waste." Finally, they suggest "the significant deforestation of the property" will worsen existing drainage problems on the north side of the lot. In conclusion, they call for a re-hauling of zoning laws and building code to prevent such events in the future.

Of 71 trees that measured ten inches or more in diameter

on the property, we felled 16, four short of 20, the number approved by both the Princeton Shade Tree Commission and the Carnassa Park residential association. In light of such figures, this woods can hardly be described as "devastated." Further, the authors failed to mention that I informed them during our June meeting that 1) we would plant between 30 and 40 trees on this property, and 2) a number of these trees would be placed to increase privacy.

At the suggestion of other neighbors, I altered the plan to pipe runoff directly into the storm drains, instead of into an existing drainage ditch they said became overwhelmed during storms.

The authors' concerns are understandable; however, instead of voicing their opinions during the periods of review by both the Shade Tree Commission and the Carnassa Park residential association, they have limited themselves to an incensed letter to the editor. Also, they live in houses built on land that was once, undoubtedly, "lovely woods" cleared for development, yet feel justified accusing others of doing the same.

I agree with the authors in that development represents a serious threat to our community. Every large, Toll Brothers-style development that goes up in the area hurts our busi-

ness, as it reduces open space, increases traffic, and at the end of the day makes Princeton a less attractive place to live. As a small, family business that has been building here for over 30 years, we have a vested interest in this town. We buy two to three 50-year-old ranch houses a year and tear them down, which spares virgin land from development and increases property values. We use traditional styles and finishes; you will never see vinyl on a K.P. Burke home. Frankly, it is hard to understand how we constitute a threat to Princeton.

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After-School Tutoring Center Thanks Walk-A-Thon Fund-Raiser Volunteers

To the Editor:

I would like to publicly thank the PINS (Princeton In the Nation's Service) student organization and particularly Drew Fredrickson and all of the other volunteers who helped to organize the Walk-A-Thon which raised much needed funds for Springboard and PYA, the two Princeton after-school tutoring centers.

Springboard meets every Monday through Thursday that the Princeton Regional Schools are open, on the third floor of the Princeton Public Library. We offer tutoring and homework help to all who drop in. There is no appointment necessary, no charge, and no commitment to keep returning. We are staffed by a certificated teacher each day plus many volunteers from the community and Princeton University.

Until this school year Springboard had been funded jointly by the Princeton Public Library and the Princeton Regional Schools. In February we learned that the Board of Education would no longer be funding any non-profit corporations, and so our funding was cut in half. We have had to reduce the number of certificated teachers that we employ — from two on site daily we can now afford only one.

The monies that PINS raised for Springboard will help to insure that the program can continue. We are currently exploring other funding options and I would welcome any help from the community. I can be reached at SpringboardInc@gmail.com.

Thank you to all the walkers, organizers and organizations that were part of this special event. You have my eternal gratitude.

JOYCE TURNER
Director, Springboard Inc.

Charity Was Overwhelmed by Response To Clothing Drive for Katrina Victims

To the Editor:

The entire staff and Board of Directors at Family and Children's Services of Central New Jersey (FACS) wish to express our overwhelming gratitude and thanks to the residents of the greater Princeton community. You are to be commended for your neighborliness and outpouring of good will for your most generous donations during our first ever winter clothing and coat drive. In addition, both Landau's and Hult's should receive special recognition for coming up with a brilliant idea, developing our partnership, and managing the constant flow of donations. We hope to have this become an annual event.

This year our drive was inspired by those families affected by Hurricane Katrina and relocated to New Jersey. As a member of the New Jersey coalition assembled to work with these families, hosting this drive was a natural fit for FACS, yet it would not have been possible without the amazing response from the Princeton community.

We could not believe the sheer volume of donations received. We were able to distribute your donations to those families we are working with from the Gulf region and to help many families closer to home. FACS programs deal with fragile families, underprivileged children, at-risk youth, employee/employer work-related problems, substance abuse, domestic violence, and the special needs of the elderly. Our goals include building strong families and communities and empowering individuals to take responsible charge of their own lives. With the generous support of the Princeton community, we will be able to help many of these families and individuals meet essential daily needs, and to work toward a brighter future.

For more information on how FACS is helping to make a difference in the lives of the families and individuals we serve, please visit www.nj-counseling.org. Thank you again, and we look forward to your continued support.

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The Conservative Movement Its Past, Present and Future

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Thursday, December 1, 2005

4:00 p.m.

The Conservative Movement Since 1950

Keynote address: **Steven F. Hayward**, American Enterprise Institute for Public Policy Research

Responses:

Midge Decter, author, journalist

George Nash, author of *The Conservative Intellectual Movement in America Since 1945*

William Rusher, former publisher of the *National Review*

Moderator: **Robert P. George**, Princeton University

8:00 p.m.

The Future of American Conservatism: Hamilton Returns

Keynote address: **David Brooks**, *The New York Times*

Friday, December 2, 2005

9:00 a.m.

Barry Goldwater and the Modern Conservative Movement

Lee Edwards, The Heritage Foundation

M. Stanton Evans, Education and Research Institute

Rick Perlstein, author, journalist, formerly of *The Village Voice*

Moderator: **Nolan McCarty**, Princeton University

10:45 a.m.

The Political Infrastructure of the Conservative Movement

David A. Keene, American Conservative Union

James Pleserson, John M. Olin Foundation

Steven Teles, Yale University

Paul Weyrich, Free Congress Foundation

Moderator: **David Lewis**, Princeton University

1:45 p.m.

Ronald Reagan: His Conservative Legacy

Michael Barone, *U.S. News & World Report*

Lou Cannon, author, journalist, formerly of *The Washington Post*

George Will, *The Washington Post*

Moderator: **Larry M. Bartels**, Princeton University

3:30 p.m.

The Republican Party and the Modern Conservative Movement

Jeffrey Bell, Capital City Partners

George J. Marlin, The Philadelphia Trust Company

Stephen Moore, *The Wall Street Journal*

Moderator: **Mekey Edwards**, Princeton University and The Aspen Institute

Saturday, December 3, 2005

9:00 a.m.

Religion, Culture, and the Modern Conservative Movement

Patrick N. Allitt, Emory University

William J. Bennett, *Morning in America*

David D. Kirkpatrick, *The New York Times*

Richard D. Land, The Ethics and Religious Liberty Commission

Moderator: **Bradford P. Wilson**, Princeton University

10:45 a.m.

American Economic Policy and the Modern Conservative Movement

Christopher DeMuth, American Enterprise Institute for Public Policy Research

James C. Miller III, CapAnalysis Group

Moderator: **Brandee Canes-Wrone**, Princeton University

2:00 p.m.

American Foreign Policy and the Modern Conservative Movement

Frank J. Gaffney, Jr., Center for Security Policy

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"BRANCHING OUT:" Area watercolorist Beatrice Bork is currently hosting a show of her work at the Hopewell Frame Shop at 24 West Broad Street in Hopewell Borough. The show, "Branching Out," is Ms. Bork's seventh annual show at the gallery and will run through December 24.

A New Show Branches Out At Hopewell Frame Shop

Watercolor artist Beatrice Bork, whose work focuses primarily on animals and their habitat, is currently showing her seventh solo show, "Branching Out," at the Hopewell Frame Shop's Gallery through December 24th.

Abby Frantz, founder of the Frame Shop, said that a showing of Ms. Bork's work is a "happy annual event at the Gallery and coincides beautifully this year with the holiday season.

"Beatrice's paintings are a gift to us. She has a remarkable ability to capture both the character and energy of her wildlife subjects thus bringing them to life," Ms. Frantz said.

In 2004, Ms. Bork participated in the 44th Annual Society of Animal Artists Exhibition Tour and was a recipient of the Don Eckelberry Scholarship Award. This award was established in 2003 to provide a young bird artist with the opportunity to study for ten days at the Asa Wright Nature Center in Trinidad. While in Trinidad, the artist studied new species and found the tropical setting inspirational.

Ms. Bork said she enjoys solo, group and national exhibits. Her watercolor, "No Bull," is currently on the Society of Animal Artists' national tour and her painting of an owl entitled "Intent" earned Bork a spot as a finalist at the 2005 Art Kudos International juried exhibition. She is currently exhibiting "Clique," a watercolor of razorbills, in the 45th Annual Society of Animal Artists Exhibit at the Nevada State Museum in Carson City. This exhibit is a juried show of the members of the Society and membership is worldwide. Her work has been reproduced in leading wildlife publications and she has been honored with a juried membership into the Society of Animal Artists. In the November-December 2004 issue of Wildlife Art magazine, Ms. Bork was one of 19 "Artists of Note."

Locally, Ms. Bork's painting, "Under Cover," won the Niece Lumber Award at the 25th Annual Lambertville show.

"My work is based on observation, or a thought that leads me to want to explore a symbolic image," Ms. Bork said, adding that she had a "lifelong passion for the environment."

At Hopewell Frame, Ms. Bork's watercolor, "New Dawn," which features three Eastern Brown Pelicans (the state bird of Louisiana) sitting atop a pile of rocks, is available for purchase. The artist has pledged to donate 50 percent of the proceeds from the sale of this painting to the ASPCA Disaster Relief Fund. The ASPCA fund is set up to benefit animals devastated by natural disasters like Hurricane Katrina.

The Hopewell Frame Shop, located at 24 West Broad Street in Hopewell is open Tuesday through Friday, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. For more information contact Ms. Frantz at (609) 466-0817 or e-mail hopewellframeshop@comcast.net.

Artists Raise Money For Katrina Survivors

Art Helps, an exhibition organized by Karey Maurice and Leon Rainbow and sponsored by Red Balloon Studio and Aerosol Illusions, generated almost \$1,000, \$600 of which will be donated to the Salvation Army's Katrina relief



ART HELPS: From left, Trenton's Leon Rainbow and Karey Maurice organized Art Helps, an exhibition sponsored by Red Balloon Studio and Aerosol Illusions, which generated \$600 for survivors of Hurricane Katrina.

mission. The exhibition ran in the 2005 exhibition duce work and purchase work from October 14 through included Anthony Fearron, in the name of charity. Every-

November 11 at Cafe Ole in Bert Katz, Tasha Kersey, one involved really fed off Trenton. Donald Kerwin, Madeliene each other's positivity. We

"We were quite frankly over- Celeste Lumen, Karey Mau- look forward to making Art

whelmed by the outpouring of rice, Ryan Palasciano, Leon Helps 2006 even more of a support for Katrina survivors," Rainbow, Thom Reaves, Maria success." said painter Karey Maurice, Rivera, and Ted Settle.

Due to the enthusiastic turn-out for Art Helps, Maurice and Rainbow intend to make it an annual event. Artists featured

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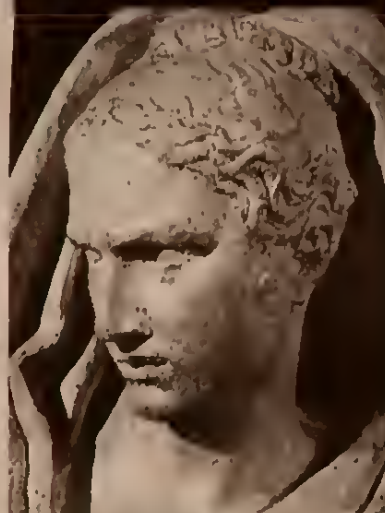
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BELLAGIO, LAKE COMO 1983: This watercolor by Vincent Ceglia is among the works being exhibited at the Coryell Gallery at 8 Coryell Street in Lambertville. The annual Holiday Exhibition, which will run through January 16, 2006, is also showing oil paintings by Albert L. Bross, Jr.

Works by Bross, Ceglia In Coryell Holiday Exhibit

The Coryell Gallery at 8 Coryell Street in Lambertville is currently showing oil paintings by Albert L. Bross, Jr., and watercolors and acrylics by Vincent Ceglia for the annual Holiday Exhibition, which will run through January 16, 2006.

Mr. Bross, who works directly from nature, is best known for his landscapes and seascapes of Maine. Born and raised in New Jersey, he studied under Frank Vincent Dumond and Will Barnet at the Art Students League in New York. He has held over 100 one-man shows throughout the eastern states. He is also the author/illustrator of *The Four Seasons*, a book of Haiku poetry.

Mr. Ceglia's earthy colors are the result of acrylic

washes applied like watercolor. "The colors are intense," he says. "Yet they can be diluted to great delicacy."

The first artist to have a solo show at the James A. Michener Art Museum in Doylestown, he has been the subject of over 70 one-man shows throughout the United States, Italy, and France. Among his many awards was the 1994 Schweitzer Prize for the best painting at the 169th exhibition at the National Academy of Design in New York.

The Coryell Gallery is located at the Porkyard in a renovated Sausage Factory near the Delaware & Raritan canal. Gallery hours are Wednesday through Sunday from 12 to 5 p.m. For further information, call Janet M. Hunt, director, at (609) 397-0804.

Zimmerli Open Late Dec. 1 With Boutique, Art, Music

The Jane Voorhees Zimmerli Art Museum will remain open until 8:30 p.m. for Holiday Boutique shopping and an Art-After-Hours event on Thursday, December 1.

The boutique features a variety of gifts, crafts and collectibles. Purchases support the museum's extensive calendar of exhibitions and educational programs.

Also on December 1, the Zimmerli will present its Art After Hours Culture & Concert program, beginning at 6 p.m. with an Exploring Picture Books lecture by Takayo Noda titled "The Road to a Paper Paradise." The award-winning collage artist, printmaker, and author will use slides and preparatory materials to illustrate the evolution of her recent picture book, *Dear World*.

The presentation provides an opportunity to view and examine the materials Ms. Noda employs to create her shallow relief paper constructions. The artist will be available to sign copies of her book following the talk.

Following at 7 p.m., Michela Musolino, whose debut CD, *Songs of Trinacria*, is played on radio stations throughout Europe, will perform authentic Sicilian music. Blending singing with spoken word, she presents the multi-cultural sources that are woven throughout the musical heritage of Sicily.

Patrons can tour the galleries, visit the Holiday Boutique and the Museum Store, and enjoy complimentary refreshments courtesy of the Chai House at the Zimmerli.

The museum is located at the corner of George and Windsor campus at 1200 Old Hamilton Street on the Trenton Road.



TONYA AND HER GRANDCHILDREN: This photo by Helen M. Stummer's is an example of her interest in "the human face of poverty." She will present a special talk about her life and working methods at The Gallery at Mercer County Community College on Monday, December 5 at 12:30 p.m. Her photographs are part of "The Human Face," a photography exhibition that features her work along with works by Diane Levell and the late Lou Draper. The exhibit runs through December 21.

Rutgers campus in New Brunswick. For more information, call the Zimmerli at (732) 932-7237, ext. 610.

Photographer Stummer To Speak at MCCC Gallery

Photographer Helen M. Stummer will present a special talk about her life and working methods at The Gallery at Mercer County Community College on Monday, December 5 at 12:30 p.m.

The MCCC Gallery is currently hosting "The Human Face," a photography exhibition that features Stummer's photographs, along with works by Diane Levell and the late Lou Draper through Dec. 21. The talk is free and open to the public. The Gallery is located on Mercer's West Windsor campus at 1200 Old Hamilton Street on the Trenton Road.

A resident of Metuchen, Stummer has spent 30 years as a "visual sociologist," using her camera to explore, portray, and expose the human face of poverty in areas as diverse as the Lower East Side of Manhattan, rural Maine, and Comalapa, Guatemala. Her largest body of work comes from Newark. She has garnered numerous awards and has exhibited her work widely. Her book, *No Easy Walk*, was released in 1994.

Gallery hours are Mondays,

10 a.m. to noon; Tuesdays, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.; Wednesdays, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m.; Thursdays, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m.; and Fridays, 9 to 11 a.m.

The exhibit is funded, in part, by the Mercer County Cultural & Heritage Commission through a grant from the NJ State Council of the Arts/Department of State, and by the Mercer County Board of Freeholders. For further information call (609) 586-4800, ext. 3588.



SHOE DREAM: This 36" by 46" acrylic on canvas by Fay Sciarra will be part of an exhibit of the artist's work on display through December 16 at the Anne Reid Art Gallery at the Princeton Day School, 650 The Great Road. There will be an artist's reception and book signing between 5 and 8 p.m. on Friday, December 2 by the authors of *Sacred Spaces: Princeton Parties, Gatherings and Celebrations*, which features Ms. Sciarra's work.

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A.R.T.space Gallery of Palmer Square is currently exhibiting "Small Works," a show featuring small paintings and works on paper by the artists of Artistic Realization Technologies (A.R.T.). Located at 53 Hulfish Street in Princeton, the gallery is open from 12 to 6 p.m. Monday and Tuesday, 2 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, and 12 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday. "Small Works" will be open through December.

The Arts Council of Princeton's conTEMPORARY Arts Center, located at the Princeton Shopping Center, is featuring "From Chaos to Hope," an exhibition of photographs taken by eight local residents with the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) at a volunteer camp in Gulfport, Miss. The exhibit is on display in the Reading Room. The annual "Sauce for the Goose" holiday sale will be on through December 22. Gallery hours are Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. As a benefit for the Arts Council, some Princeton area artists will be showing their work and their workplace to the public on December 3 and 4, from 1 to 4 p.m. For more information, call (609) 924-8777.

The Coryell Gallery at 8 Coryell Street in Lambertville is showing oil paintings by Albert L. Bross, Jr., and watercolors and acrylics by Vincent Ceglia for the annual Holiday Exhibition, which will run through January 16, 2006. Gallery hours are Wednesday through Sunday from 12 to 5 p.m. For further information, call Janet M. Hunt, director, at (609) 397-0804.

The Cotsen Children's Library at Princeton University is celebrating the bicentenary of Hans Christian Andersen's birth with the exhibition, "Wonderful Stories for Pictures: Hans Christian Andersen and His Illustrators," on view through March 26, 2006. For more information, call (609) 258-1148, or email ejohnson@princeton.edu.

The Garden State Watercolor Society is holding its 9th Annual Associate Member Juried Exhibition, on view through December 3 at the Triangle Art Center, located on Route 1 at Darrah Lane, Lawrenceville. Gallery hours are Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Saturday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.; and Sunday, noon to 5 p.m. For more information, call (609) 882-1168.

The Gallery at Chapin is hosting an exhibit of works by Whitney Cookman in an exhibit titled, "Light, Canvas and Wood, Recent Work," through December 15. The gallery is located at 4101 Princeton Pike. To view the exhibit by appointment, call (609) 924-7206.

The Gallery at the Jewish Center will be showing paintings by Philadelphia painter Alla Podolsky through January 8, 2006. All paintings in the exhibit are for sale, with 20 percent of the purchase going to the Jewish Center as a donation. The Center is located at 435 Nassau Street, and gallery hours are Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Friday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.; and Sunday, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. For more information, call (609) 921-0100.

The Gallery at Mercer County Community College is exhibiting, "The Human Face," photographs by artists Helen Stummer, Diane Levell, and the late Lou Draper. The exhibit will be on display through December 21. Gallery hours are Mondays, 10 a.m. to noon; Tuesdays, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.; Wednesdays, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m.; Thursdays, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m.; and Fridays, 9 to 11 a.m. For further information, call (609) 586-4800, ext. 3588.

Grounds for Sculpture is currently displaying three exhibits: "Menhirs, Dreams, Myths, and Delties," "Balanced Dialogue: 10th Anniversary of the Hungarian Sculptors Society," and the International Sculpture Center's 2005 Outstanding Student Achievement in Contemporary Sculpture Awards. The exhibits will be on view through April 30, 2006.

Toad Hall Shop and Gallery, at Grounds, is currently exhibiting "Vessels," a show featuring metal sculptures by Rory Mahon and Catherine Perry, through December 31. Grounds for Sculpture is located at 18 Fairgrounds Road, Hamilton. Hours are Tuesday through Sunday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. For more information, call (609) 586-0616, or visit www.groundsforsculpture.org.

The Harrison Street Gallery will show, "Off the Wall: An Evolving Exhibition," through January 8, 2006. The gallery is located at 108 Harrison Street, Frenchtown. Hours are Thursday through Sunday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, call (908) 996-0062.

The Historical Society of Princeton is currently exhibiting, "U.S. Presidents: Famous Faces in Princeton Places," and "The Windmill Turns Slowly: Photographs of the Updike Farm," on view through summer 2006. A gallery talk by exhibition curator Kristen Turner will be held on Saturday, December 10, at 2 p.m. Museum hours are Tuesday through Sunday, noon to 4 p.m. For more information, call (609) 921-6748.

The Hunterdon Museum of Art is currently displaying three exhibits: "Liminal States," "High Caliber: Guns in Contemporary Art," and "Rags to Riches." Located in Clinton, the gallery is open Tuesday through Sunday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, call (908) 735-1415.

The Jane Voorhees Zimmer Art Museum's feature exhibition, "Breaking the Mold: Sculpture in Paris from Daurer to Rodin," will be on view through March 12, 2006 in the Voorhees Special Exhibition Galleries. The museum is located at 71 Hamilton Street, on the Col-

lege Avenue Campus of Rutgers University in New Brunswick. Hours are Tuesday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and noon to 5 p.m. on the weekends. The museum is open free to the public on the first Sunday of every month. For more information, call (732) 932-7237, ext. 610, or visit www.zimmerliuseum.rutgers.edu.

The James A. Michener Art Museum in Doylestown is featuring "Romare Bearden: Enchanter in Time" through February 5, 2006. The museum is located at 138 South Pine Street in Doylestown. **The James A. Michener Art Museum** in New Hope is currently exhibiting "Objects of Desire: Treasures From Private Collections," on view through January 15, 2006. The museum is located at 500 Union Square Drive, New Hope, Pa. For more information about either exhibit, call (215) 340-9800, or visit www.michenerartmuseum.org.

Morpeth Gallery is exhibiting the work of Natalie Ferracioli in conjunction with a group exhibition of Morpeth Gallery artists during the month of December. A Holiday Open House for artists and the public will be held on December 3, from 4 to 8 p.m. The gallery is located at 43 West Broad Street in Hopewell. Gallery hours are Wednesday through Saturday from 10:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Sunday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The Newark Museum is exhibiting "Power Dressing: Men's Fashion and Prestige in Africa" through January 22, 2006. The museum is located at 49 Washington Street in the Downtown/Arts District of Newark. It is open Wednesday through Friday, noon to 5 p.m., and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on the weekends. For more information, call (973) 596-6550, or visit www.NewarkMuseum.org.

The New Jersey State Museum is holding the exhibit, "Hatching the Past: Dinosaur Eggs and Babies" through December 31. This hands-on exhibition offers an array of authentic dinosaur eggs and nests collected from all over the globe. The gallery is located at 225 West State Street, Trenton, and is open Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, call (609) 394-9535.

The Present Day Club is exhibiting artwork by Joseph Gyurcsak, through January 1, 2006. The gallery is located at 72 Stockton Street, and is open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday, 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. For more information, call (609) 924-4846.

The Princeton Theological Seminary's Erdman Gallery is currently displaying "Inlet," works by artist Elaine Chong, on view through December 9. The gallery is located in Erdman Hall, 20 Library Place, at the Center of Continuing Education. Gallery hours are Monday through Saturday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and Sunday, 2:30 to 6:30 p.m. For more information, call (609) 497-7990.

The Princeton University Art Museum is presenting an intimate, single-monitor installation by the Belgian



FROM THE EAST: Chantal Akerman's documentary *D'Est (From the East)* will be the point of departure for *25ème écran (25th Screen)*, a single-monitor installation at the Princeton University Art Museum that will run through February 26, 2006.

filmmaker Chantal Akerman's archive. The exhibit through February 26, 2006, can be viewed Monday in addition to the primary through Friday, 8:45 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. The exhibit is also er," which will run through open Wednesdays until 8 January 15. Open to the public without charge Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday from 1 to 5 p.m., the museum is located in the center of the Princeton University campus, next to Prospect House and Gardens. For further information, call (609) 258-3788 or visit www.princetonartmuseum.org.

Princeton University, Mudd Library, is currently exhibiting, "1945: A World United and Divided," which highlights the epochal year that marked the end of World War II. The exhibit, which runs through January 31, is located at 45 Stockton Street, behind Borough Hall. Hours are weekdays, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and the exhibit will be closed November 24

and 25. For more information, call (609) 921-1142.

The Suzanne Patterson Resource Center and the Williams Gallery of Fine Art are holding a joint exhibition at the Resource Center celebrating Princeton art and artists titled, "In and Around Princeton."

From now through December 9, artists on display from now through January 8, 2006: "Rock, as well as the U.S.A., will Paper: The Extraordinary Work of Petro Hul and Sarah Stengle." Located in the Ellarslie Mansion in Cadwalader Park in Trenton, the museum's hours are Tuesday through Saturday, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., and Sunday, 1 to 4 p.m. For more information, call (609) 989-3632.

The Trenton City Museum, in collaboration with McCarter Theatre, is currently exhibiting, "Preserving Our Past: An Inspiring Exhibit Honoring Those Who Chronicle Our Heritage," on display through January 22, 2006. The exhibit, which is tied to McCarter's production of *Gem of the Ocean*, features the Arts Council of Princeton's quilt, a photographic tribute to the Witherspoon-Jackson neighborhood. Also on display from now through January 8, 2006: "Rock, as well as the U.S.A., will Paper: The Extraordinary Work of Petro Hul and Sarah Stengle." Located in the Ellarslie Mansion in Cadwalader Park in Trenton, the museum's hours are Tuesday through Saturday, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., and Sunday, 1 to 4 p.m. For more information, call (609) 989-3632.

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BULL DOG: This bronze sculpture by Natalie Ferracci will be on display at Morpeth Gallery as part of a group exhibition from December 1 through December 31. A Holiday Open House for artists and the public will be held on December 3, from 4 to 8 p.m.

Holiday Exhibit at Morpeth Features Natalie Ferracci

The work of artist Natalie Ferracci will be featured in conjunction with a group exhibition of Morpeth Gallery artists during the month of December. A Holiday Open House for artists and the public will be held on December 3, from 4 to 8 p.m.

Ms. Ferracci was educated in the classical tradition in France. Her sculptures of hybrid and whimsical creatures are cast in bronze or modeled in terracotta. Some of her pieces have symbolic functions, such as canopic jars.

In addition to featuring gallery artists, the group exhibition will introduce several who are new to the Morpeth.

Morpeth Gallery is located at 43 West Broad Street in Hopewell. Gallery hours are Wednesday through Saturday from 10:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Sunday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Medical Center's 'ArtFirst!' Invites Disabled Artists

Artists with disabilities are invited to submit work for ArtFirst!, an international

juried exhibition and sale of original art and fine crafts that will be held April 9 through May 5, 2006. Presented by the Auxiliary of University Medical Center at Princeton, the exhibition is now in its fourth year. A Patrons Preview party to kick off the show will be held on Saturday evening, April 8, at the hospital.

ArtFirst! is open only to artists with physical or mental disabilities. All work must be for sale and must have been executed since the onset of disability or injury. Artists receive 80 percent of the purchase price, with 20 percent going to the project. The show will award close to \$6,000 in prizes. Last year more than 275 pieces were exhibited by 78 artists, and more than half of the work was sold.

The exhibition will feature two-and-three-dimensional work including oils, acrylics, watercolors, pastels, sculpture, photography, jewelry, fiber art, and fine crafts. There is no entry fee. Slides, CDs, and digital photographs must be submitted no later than December 12. For entry forms, visit the website at www.Princetonhcs.org/Auxiliary and click on ArtFirst! For further information, contact Lois Levy, ArtFirst! curator at (609) 497-4211 or LLevy@princetonhcs.org.



LILY GIVES IT HER ALL: Lily Tomlin at the peak of a performance at McCarter Theater as photographed by George Vogel, whose theater photography will be on display at Triumph Brewery, beginning with a reception with the artist at the Triumph site on Tuesday, December 6, from 7 to 9 p.m.



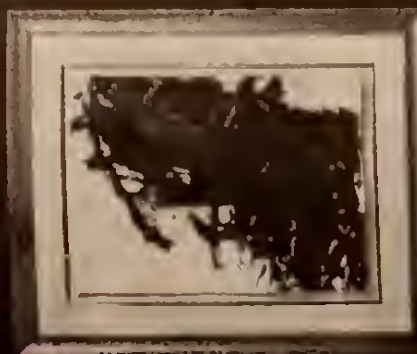
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Theater Photography Set for Triumph Show

A show featuring the theater photography of George Vogel, a Skillman photographer on the staff of Town Topics, will open with a reception with the artist at the Triumph site on Tuesday, December 6, from 7 to 9 p.m.

Over 40 images will be exhibited with a focus on dramatic scenes and moments from productions at McCarter Theatre Center taken during the past two years during live performances or dress rehearsals. On display are photos of individual performers such as Lily Tomlin, Bob Newhart, and Lyle Lovett, as well as groups including the Peking Acrobats, Pilobus, Cudamani from Bali, and the Triangle Club. Shows represented are A Christmas Carol, My Fair Lady, Miss Witherspoon, The Bells, Big Love, Hamlet, Polk County, and a number of others.

Mr. Vogel recently published a book entitled Princeton, Still Making History, which contains over 35 of his pictures. The book will be available for sale at the opening. All of the work in the show is for sale.



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Voices Chorale Slates Three Holiday Concerts

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The concerts will be Sunday, December 11 at 3 p.m. at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Southampton, Pa.; Friday, December 16 at 8 p.m. at Pennington Presbyterian Church; and Saturday, December 17 at 8 p.m. at Princeton United Methodist Church.

The program will feature soprano Rochelle Ellis singing Mozart's Laudate Dominum and joining the chorale for seasonal favorites. Sotto Voce, Voices' chamber choir, will perform Hodie Christus Notus Est by Sweelinck and Tomorrow Shall be my Doncing Day, a traditional English melody.

Lynne Ransom, DMA, noted educator and conductor, will conduct.

An auditioned community chorus of 60 singers, Voices Chorale performs in central New Jersey and eastern Pennsylvania. Its most recent performance was at Carnegie Hall on November 20 with an international group of singers and the New England Symphony.

Tickets are \$18 for general admission, \$15 for seniors and students, and \$8 for children 12 and under. Family passes are available for \$42. To order, call (609) 637-9383. For more information, visit www.voiceschorale.org.

The Pennington Presby-



CANDLES AND CAROLS: Pennington's 60-member Voices Chorale will present its annual "Festival of Candles and Carols" concert next month at three area churches, accompanied by harp, cello, and organ. The concert, featuring soprano Rochelle Ellis, will be performed in Princeton on Saturday, December 17 at 8 p.m. at Princeton United Methodist Church.

rian Church is located at 13 South Main Street, Pennington; the Princeton United Methodist Church, at Nassau and Vandeventer Streets.

Youth Orchestra Plans Annual Composer Award

The Greater Princeton Youth Orchestra (GPYO) and the Composers Guild of New Jersey (CGNJ) have announced that they are seeking submissions of new symphonic compositions for their first annual Composer Award.

The winning work will be given its premiere performance by GPYO, under the direction of Maestro Fernando Raucel, on May 20 in Richardson Auditorium. CGNJ will award the composer \$1,000.

This annual award is expected to attract young composers eager to have their work performed. There is no age restriction for composers wishing to apply.

Submissions should be between five and 12 minutes in length. Preference will be given to New Jersey composers, but anyone may apply.

The Youth Orchestra and Composers Guild most recently collaborated on the commission of a new work by Princeton University doctoral candidate Gregory Spears. Entitled Potience, the piece was presented in May at the Fourth Annual GPYO-Princeton Pettoranello Foundation Spring Concert at Richardson.

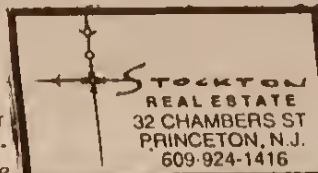
The GPYO has been committed to the education and training of young musicians from central New Jersey and eastern Pennsylvania for the

past 44 years. Mr. Raucel, CGNJ website at www.cgnj.org.

Submissions must be postmarked no later than February 1, 2006, and mailed to Composers Guild of New Jersey, 6 Kathleen Place, Bridgewater 08807.

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HOPEWELL CHORISTERS: When the Hopewell Valley Chorus presents its annual holiday concert on Friday, December 9 at 8 p.m. at the Pennington Presbyterian Church, it will be well represented by Princeton singers. From left, Melissa Baldwin, Kay Batt, Betty Harris, Ruth Boulter, and Diane Urbanowicz, all of Princeton; will join the 65-member volunteer choir and chamber orchestra in performing a program of traditional and modern carols. Tickets are \$11 for adults, \$7 for children and seniors. They are available at the door, or by calling (609) 466-5836.

Sinfonia Plans Concert Of Classical Favorites

The Princeton University Sinfonia will perform an evening of orchestral favorites on Monday, December 12 at 8 p.m. in Taplin Auditorium in Fine Hall. The free concert will include Mendelssohn's *Hebrides Overture*, the *Lorghetto* from Elgar's *Serenade for Strings*, Dvorak's *Serenade in D*, and Mozart's *Symphony No. 40 in G Minor*.

The 35-member Sinfonia comprises Princeton University undergraduate and graduate musicians from all majors and fields. The group performs repertory from the 18th through the 20th centuries.

Ruth Ochs, a musicology graduate student in the Music Department, is music director and conductor of the group. Geoff McDonald, a junior in the Music Department and Sinfonia's assistant conductor, will lead the Elgar.

The *Hebrides Overture*, also known as *Fingol's Cave*, captured Mendelssohn's impressions of the western coast of Scotland during a visit

there in 1829. A child prodigy and precocious composer, he recorded what was to become the overture's opening in a letter to his family.

Sinfonia is preparing Mozart's *Symphony No. 40*, which offers a wide array of musical emotion and energy. In anticipation of the 250th anniversary of the composer's birth on January 27, 2006.

Free HolidayFare Concert At Grounds for Sculpture

HolidayFare Concerts, offered by the New Jersey Opera Theater's Singer Circle, will be presented on Saturday, December 17 at 7 p.m. at the Grounds for Sculpture in Hamilton and on Sunday, December 18 at 2 p.m. at the Jane Voorhees Zimmerli Art Museum in New Brunswick.

Now in their third season, the concerts will feature a wide variety of sacred and secular holiday music. Admission to the Grounds for

Sculpture concert will be free; a \$3 donation to the Museum will be requested at the New Brunswick concert (which will be free to Rutgers University students).

The program will include traditional favorites such as *Lo How a Rose, White Christmas*, *Loudomus te* from Vivaldi's *Gloria*, and *Angels We Have Heard on High*. In addition to *Frosty the Snowman*, *Jingle Bells* and *Silent Night*, presented as a sing-along.

The Singer Circle is a group of emerging artists, many of whom have already received professional engagements. New Jersey Opera Theater provides an opportunity for them to hone skills and collaborate with colleagues while working with experienced coaches and conductors.

For more information about Princeton-based New Jersey Opera Theater, visit www.njot.org.

MUSIC REVIEW

New Jersey Symphony Offers Another Exciting Pianist in Concerto Performance

Conductors often ally themselves with specific composers to promote their music and expose these composers works to the public's ear. Lawrence Foster, Music Director of the Gulbenkian Orchestra in Lisbon and guest conductor of the New Jersey Symphony Orchestra (NJSO) this past weekend, has long been an advocate of the music of Romanian composer Georges Enesco, whose works are largely unknown, with the exception of his popular Rhapsodies.

Mr. Foster paired two short Enesco works with two popular symphonic war horses in the orchestra's post-Thanksgiving concert Friday night in Richardson Auditorium. Enesco's *Orchestral Suite No. 1* focuses heavily on strings, which the NJSO used as an opportunity to showcase its Golden Age Collection of historic instruments in the two movements of the Suite presented Friday night. Mr. Foster referred to these movements as "sound-bites" of Enesco's music, designed to both show the composer's style (including his fascination with Bach) and acknowledge the 50th anniversary of his death. The opening long unison *Prélude* for strings was described by Mr. Foster as a Bach solo sonata with Romanian harmonies, and the orchestra's string section, subtly accompanied by timpanist Randall Hicks, brought out the nationalistic Slavic feeling with a sound not heavily overlaid with vibrato. This was passionate music, marked with clean breaks in phrasing. The winds in the second movement blended well into the string color, with an especially effective English horn drone played by Andrew Adelson.

Mr. Foster may seek to promote the music of Enesco, but the audience's heart on Friday night belonged to Beethoven's

Piano Concerto No. 2, especially as performed by pianist Jonathan Biss. A child prodigy in a long line of family musicians, Mr. Biss took a very delicate approach to the concerto, playing with great fluidity and an especially light left hand. He tapered the music within the phrases while bringing out the playful side of the piece. The cadenzas, especially in the first movement, were small pieces in themselves. Mr. Foster used a somewhat angular and jagged conducting style in this work, fortunately tempered by Mr. Biss' artistry. The second movement *Adagio* was stately, with Mr. Biss drawing out the closing measures in song-like quality. In the third movement, it was evident that this concerto was the type of music which could play itself, and a work in which one could easily imagine Beethoven sitting at the keyboard in performance.

The New Jersey Symphony Orchestra's next concert on January 6, 2006 will present music of Rossini, Corelli, Respighi and Tippett, with several of the orchestra members featured as soloists. For information call 1-800-ALLEGRO.

Mendelssohn's *Symphony No. 3* brought the orchestra to its fullest sound, with Mr. Foster eliciting a graceful flow among the four movements. The Scottish 'snaps' which give this symphony its nickname were well executed, and

clarinetist Karl Herman provided a sprightly Scottish theme. Although the instruments did not always speak at the same time in the third movement syncopations, the movement was striking in its very steady brass and consistently accurate winds.

The New Jersey Symphony is in transition this year to having Neeme Järvi as its full-fledged music director. The orchestra's choices of its guest conductors has brought a wide array of styles and personalities to New Jersey stages, each of whom has brought a unique musical taste to the podium. Throughout this transition year, the orchestra has maintained its solid musicianship and ensemble artistry.

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To celebrate McCarter Theatre's 25th anniversary production of Charles Dickens' *A Christmas Carol*, the theater is trying to track down as many people as possible who played Tiny Tim at McCarter over the years.

Those who played the role, or who may know someone who did, are asked to contact McCarter's Director of Public Relations, Dan Bauer, at (609) 258-6524 by Wednesday, December 8. The theater is inviting those who played the role to opening night for the new production, on Friday, December 9, at which time a group photo will be taken.

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State Theatre Presenting Mariachi Champaña Nevín

Mariachi Champaña Nevín, a musical ensemble combining the elegance of a symphonic orchestra with the energy of mariachi, will perform *Lo Fiesto de la Nochebuena: A Mexican Christmas Celebration*, on Saturday, December 10 at 8 p.m. at New Brunswick's State Theatre. Directed by Jeff Nevín, the concert will feature soprano Monica Abrego of Mexico and the Guelaguetza Dancers of New Brunswick.

La Fiesta de la Nochebuena commemorates the journey of Mary and Joseph from Nazareth to Bethlehem. The concert will include traditional Mexican and American Christmas favorites such as *Feliz Navidad*, *O Holy Night*, and *Ave Morio* performed in the mariachi style.



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Mariachi Champaña Nevín is known for its multicultural aesthetic. Led by Prof. Nevín, a classical and mariachi trumpeter, composer, professor,

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Together with Mariachi Champaña Nevín, and occasionally as a soloist/conductor, Prof. Nevín has performed the *Fiesta de la Nochebuena* program with the San Diego Symphony, Colorado Symphony, Aguascalientes Symphony, San Bernardino Symphony, Orquesta de Baja California, San Diego Chamber Orchestra, and the La Jolla Symphony. With Prof. Nevín at the podium, the ensemble has appeared on television in seven countries and recorded five compact discs.

Ms. Abrego has won numerous awards from organizations such as the Mexican National Fund for Art and Culture, the Musical Merit Society of San Diego, and the La Jolla Symphony and Chorus Association.

Tickets range from \$20 to \$40, with group, student, and senior discounts available. To order, call (732) 246-7469, or visit www.StateTheatreNJ.org.

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University Jazz Ensembles In Concert This Saturday

The Princeton University Concert Jazz Ensembles will present a concert of music by Canadian jazz composer Phil Nimmons this Saturday evening, December 3 at 8 p.m. in Richardson Auditorium. The Ensembles will be under the direction of guest conductor Ralph Bowen.

The program will open with the Princeton University Jazz Ensemble II performing works by Charlie Parker, Dizzy Gillespie, Oliver Nelson, Joe Henderson, and Wayne Shorter.

After intermission, The Princeton University Concert Jazz Ensemble will perform music composed by Mr. Nimmons, one of Canada's foremost jazz musicians. A clarinetist, composer, conductor, and educator, he was born in British Columbia in 1923. After performing with local dance bands, he studied clarinet at The Juilliard School and composition at the Royal Conservatory of Music in Toronto. During the 1950s he performed with his own band throughout Canada; in the 1960s, the band toured widely to Canadian armed forces bases in Europe.

Mr. Nimmons appeared for more than 23 years on such programs as Jazz Canadiana, Jazz Workshop, and Jazz Radio-Canada. He was appointed an Officer of the Order of Canada in 1993, and inducted into the International Association of Jazz Educators Hall of Fame in 2001. Among his compositions on the December 3 program will be *Think Nice Thoughts*, *Three-Ful*, *Birdburger*, and *The Dorion Way*.

Tickets are \$15 for general admission or \$5 for students, and may be obtained at the door on the evening of the performance or in advance by calling (609) 259-5000.

Meridian Arts Ensemble At Richardson Tomorrow

Princeton University Concerts will present a program of varied music for brass performed by The Meridian Arts Ensemble tomorrow evening, December 1 at 8 p.m. in Richardson Auditorium.

The program will range from



COMPOSER AND PERFORMER: Kaela Akina-Magnussen, right, shown with her father Jon Magnussen, a composer at the Institute for Advanced Study, will lend her voice to the Westminster Conservatory Children's Choirs when they present the premiere of his new work, "I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day" next weekend at Westminster's Bristol Chapel. The family holiday program will be offered on Saturday and Sunday, December 10 and 11 at 3 p.m. For tickets, call (609) 921-2663.

Renaissance works for antiphonal brass choirs by Giovanni Gabrieli and music by the Elizabethan Anthony Holborne to the Ensemble's own arrangements of *Ocho por Rodio*, by 20th-century Mexican composer Silvestre Revueltas, and *Corpus*, composed for the Ensemble by Princeton graduate David Sanford.

Founded in 1987, the Meridian Arts Ensemble has performed in concert halls and jazz clubs on four continents and in 45 states. It has commissioned and given the premières of numerous new works and released seven CDs.

Begun as a traditional brass quintet, The Meridian won four competitions in less than two years. Its first prize in the Concert Artists Guild New York Competition in 1990 launched its international career. Since then, the group has evolved into an adaptable ensemble with a core of brass and percussion, expanding as necessary to include piano, guitar, bass, and saxophone.

Members of The Meridian Arts Ensemble are Jon Nelson and Brian McWhorter, trumpets; Daniel Grabois, horn;

Benjamin Herrington, trombone; Raymond Stewart, tuba; Honolulu, and New York Philharmonic and by the Elizabethan and John Ferrari, percussion. Guest performers for the Richardson concert will be Peter Mark Gould, principal trumpet of the Metropolitan Opera Orchestra; the Peter Reit, horn, currently in his 18th year with *The Phantom of the Opera*; and trombonist Lisa Albrecht, formerly

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CALENDAR

Wednesday, November 30

7 p.m.: *Einstein*, by Nephesh Theater Troupe of Tel Aviv; The Jewish Center, 435 Nassau Street. For tickets, call (609) 921-0100.

7:30 p.m.: Poetry reading and reception with Dr. Marvin Harold Chaiten; Montgomery Center for the Arts, Skillman.

8 p.m.: *Inspecting Carol*; George Street Playhouse, New Brunswick. Also Thursday and Friday at 8 p.m., Saturday at 2 and 8 p.m., Sunday at 2 and 7 p.m.

Thursday, December 1

12:30 to 1:30 p.m.: Mid-day Music Series Concert; Clark Music Center, The Lawrenceville School. Free.

7:30 p.m.: Regional Planning Board; Township Municipal Complex.

8 p.m.: Meridian Arts Ensemble and Guests; Richardson Auditorium.

8 p.m.: Theatre Intime's *Wonderland Solvage*; Hamilton Murray Theatre, Murray-Dodge Hall. Also Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m.

8 p.m.: The Parsons Dance Company; State Theatre, New Brunswick.

8 p.m.: *Is There Life After High School?*; The Playhouse, Westminster Choir College. Also Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m.

Friday, December 2

4:30 p.m.: Talk by University of London's Andrew Gibson, *Joyce En Route to Ulysses*; James Stewart Theater, 185 Nassau Street.

8 p.m.: *A Christmas Carol* — The Musical; Kelsey The-

atre, Mercer County Community College. Also Saturday at 2 and 8 p.m., Sunday at 2 p.m.

8 p.m.: Pianist Yung Wook; James A. Michener Art Museum, New Hope, Pa.

8 p.m.: Princeton University Wind Ensemble; Richardson Auditorium.

8 p.m.: Coffee House Concert for high school students with singer-songwriter Sterling Waters; Princeton Public Library.

8 p.m.: Cool Yule Jozz III with pianist Philip Orr and clarinetist Jerry Rife; Bristol Chapel, Westminster Choir College.

8 p.m.: Jazz Fridays Series with Kenny Garrett Quartet; Mount-Burke Theater, Peddie School, Hightstown.

8 and 10:30 p.m.: Sherry Davey with Patrick O'Donnell; Catch A Rising Star Comedy Club, Hyatt Regency. Also Saturday at 8 and 10:30 p.m.

Saturday, December 3

9 a.m. to 2 p.m.: St. Nicholas Bazaar; Trinity Church.

12:30 to 3 p.m.: Holiday Party with Santa and Snowy; Princeton Shopping Center.

1 and 4:30 p.m.: American Repertory Ballet's *The Nutcracker*; Patriots Theater at the War Memorial, Trenton.

2 and 5 p.m.: Suburban Dance Force of Central New Jersey's *A Children's Nutcracker*; Yvonne Theater, Rider University, Lawrenceville. Also Sunday at 1 and 4 p.m.

2 and 7 p.m.: *The New Age Nutcracker*; West Windsor-Plainsboro Dance Company; Thomas Grover Middle School, West Windsor. Also Sunday at 1 p.m.

8 p.m.: Princeton University Concert Jazz Ensemble and Jazz Ensemble II; Richardson Auditorium.

8 p.m.: Westminster Concert Bell Choir; Bristol Chapel, Westminster Choir College. Also Sunday at 3 p.m.

8 p.m.: *Lindo Eder Christmoss*; State Theatre, New Brunswick.

8:15 p.m.: Princeton Folk Music Society concert with The Trio; Christ Congregation Church.

8:30 p.m.: Ranjit; Small World Coffee, 14 Wither- spoon Street.

Sunday, December 4

3 p.m.: Pianist Aaron Jackson performing works of Beethoven and Schoenberg; Taplin Auditorium. Free.

4 p.m.: Screening of *My Lond Zion*; Global Cinema Café, Carl A. Fields Center, Princeton University. Free.

5 p.m.: Lecture, *A View of Italian Politics and Italy-U.S. Relations*, by Paolo Mastrolilli; Dorothea's House, 120 John Street.

5:30 p.m.: The Princeton Singers; Princeton University Art Museum.

7:30 p.m.: *A Christmas Carol*; McCarter Theatre.

Monday, December 5

7 p.m.: Rider University Concert Band, Blawenburg Band, and Rider University Choir holiday concert; Yvonne Theater, Rider University, Lawrenceville. Free.

Tuesday, December 6

6 to 9 p.m.: Tuesday Nite Jazz with John Henry Goldman; Sunny Garden Restaurant, Farber Road. 7:30 p.m.: Borough Council; Borough Hall.

8 p.m.: Composers' Ensemble at Princeton: The Boston Sound Collective; Taplin Auditorium. Free.

8 p.m.: *Inspecting Carol*; George Street Playhouse, New Brunswick. Also Wednesday through Friday at 8 p.m., Thursday at 2 p.m., Saturday at 2 and 8 p.m., Sunday at 2 and 7 p.m.

Wednesday, December 7

Noon: Drumthwacket Tour. Every Wednesday. Reservation required; call (609) 683-0591.

7:30 p.m.: *One-Act Plays of 20th Century Masters*; Princeton Public Library Community Room. Also Thursday at 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, December 8

7 p.m.: Leon Redbone; Patriots Theater at the War Memorial, Trenton.

7 p.m.: Theatre Intime's *Wonderland Solvage*; Hamilton Murray Theatre, Murray-Dodge Hall. Also Friday at 7 p.m., Saturday at 2 and 7 p.m.

7 p.m.: *If I Could, In My Hood, I Would*; Passage Theatre, Mill Hill Playhouse, Trenton. Also Friday at 7 p.m., Saturday and Sunday at 3 p.m.

7:30 p.m.: Regional Planning Board; Township Municipal Complex.

7:30 p.m.: *A Christmas Carol*; McCarter Theatre. Also Friday at 7:30 p.m., Saturday and Sunday at 1 and 5:30 p.m.

8 p.m.: *The Loramie Project*; Mackay Campus Center Auditorium, Princeton Theological Seminary. Also Saturday at 8 p.m.

Friday, December 9

7 p.m.: *'Twas the Night Before Christmas*; Kelsey Theatre, Mercer County Community College. Also Saturday at 11 a.m., 2 and 4 p.m., Sunday at 2 and 4 p.m.

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Wednesday, November 30:

9:15 a.m. Aerobics; SPB.
10:30 a.m. Museums; SPB.
10:30 a.m. Let's Talk; RC.
1:30 p.m. Let's Talk in English; SC.
3:00 p.m. Let's Talk Too; SC.
4:45 p.m. Memoir Writing; SC.

Thursday, December 1:

9:30 a.m. Yoga; SPB.
10:00 a.m. Greek Plays off the Page; PCV.
10:30 a.m. Let's Talk in English Too; RC.
1:00 p.m. Art with Hannah; SPB.
1:00 p.m. Science Tuesday; SPB.
1:30 p.m. Trials for Trying Times; BH.
3:00 p.m. Pilates; SPB.

Friday, December 2:

9:15 a.m. Aerobics; SPB.
10:30 a.m. Women in Culture; SPB.
10:45 a.m. Ping-Pong; SPB.
11:00 a.m. Ask a Pharmacist; SC.
11:00 a.m. Chair Exercise; SC.
1:00 p.m. Movie: Christmas with the Kranks; SPB.

Monday, December 5:

9:15 a.m. Aerobics; SPB.
11:00 a.m. Chair Exercise; SC.
1:00 p.m. Senior Citizen Club Board; SPB.
1:30 p.m. Wonder of Wordplay; SPB.

Tuesday, December 6:

10:00 a.m. Art with Bob; SPB.
11:00 a.m. Strength Training; SPB.
12:30 p.m. Ask a Pharmacist; RC.
1:00 p.m. Social Bridge; SPB.
1:00 p.m. Scrabble; SPB.
1:00 p.m. Literature w/George Ingenbrandt; SC.
1:30 p.m. Computer Lab; SPB.

Wednesday, December 7:

9:15 a.m. Aerobics; SPB.
10:30 a.m. Let's Talk; RC.
1:30 p.m. Let's Talk in English; SC.
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Auditions Scheduled For Musical "CATS"

Playful Theatre Productions has announced that it will hold auditions for Andrew Lloyd Webber's CATS on Thursday, December 15 from 7 to 9 p.m. and Saturday, December 17 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Mercer County Community College's Kelsey Theatre in West Windsor. Callbacks are scheduled for Sunday, December 18.

All parts are open. Auditioners must be 16 years of age or older.

Auditioners are asked to prepare a complete contemporary musical theatre song showing the range and acting ability of the auditioner, and to bring sheet music for the accompanist. They should be prepared to dance, wearing flexible shoes and knee pads if possible.

Actors will need to show their skills in the song and dance audition rather than in monologues or readings. Auditioners whose skills are primarily vocal or primarily dance are also invited to audition.

The show will be directed and choreographed by Pam Pisani, with musical direction by Nicholas Cheng, set and lights by Roman Tatarowicz, and costumes by Kate Pinner. Performances will be March 24 through April 2 at the Kelsey Theatre.

To schedule an appointment or to request additional information, call (609) 799-3158.

Kelsey Theatre to Offer Belle Mead's "Nutcracker"

The Belle Mead Ballet will perform its unique, narrated version of The Nutcracker at Mercer County Community College's Kelsey Theatre on Saturday and Sunday, December 17 and 18 at 2 and 4 p.m.

Set to the Tchaikovsky score, the ballet company's Nutcracker offers a condensed, easy-to-follow adaptation for the whole family. Following the performance, children and their parents are invited on stage to meet the dancers, including the Sugar Plum Fairy, the Nutcracker Prince, and the dancers from the Land of Sweets.

Now celebrating its ninth anniversary, the Belle Mead Ballet's mission is to perform classic ballets in lively formats for younger audiences. Located in Hillsborough, the company has presented its version of The Nutcracker several times at Kelsey Theatre, as well as original productions of Sleeping Beauty, Cinderella, and Beauty and the Beast. The troupe features junior and senior company members ages 7 to 18; for The Nutcracker it will be joined by New York City professional dancers Charlotte Blake, Lucia Campoy, Vanessa Dunn, Christine Sawyer, and Blain Quine.

Tickets are \$12, and may be purchased online at www.kelseytheatre.net or by calling the Kelsey box office at (609) 584-9444.

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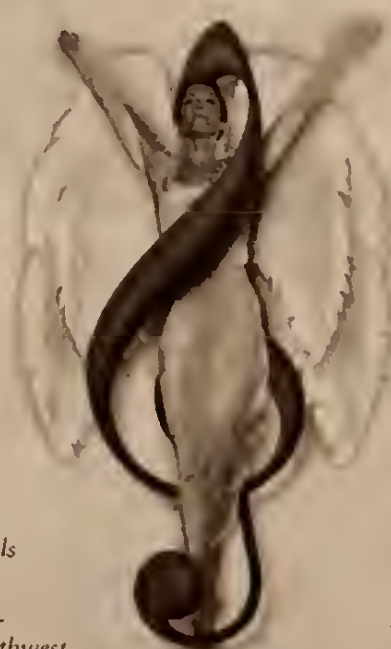
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Aeon Flux (PG-13 for sexuality and violence). Charlize Theron handles the title role in the live-action adaptation of the short-lived, MTV animated series, set in the 25th Century, about an acrobatic assassin out to topple the totalitarian regime oppressing the remnants of a civilization already crumbling from a rampaging virus. With Frances McDormand, Sophie Okonedo, and Marton Csokas.

Bee Season (PG-13 for some sensuality, brief profanity, and mature themes). Richard Gere and Juliette Binoche co-star in this dysfunctional family drama as the emotionally-estranged parents of an 11 year-old spelling savant. The parents would rather obsess on their daughter's (Eliza Cross) efforts to enter the national bee than to deal with their crumbling marriage. With Kate Bosworth as a devotee of Hare Krishna who dates the couple's teenage son (Max Minghella).

Capote (R for violence and profanity). Phillip Seymour Hoffman handles the title role of this bio-pic about the period in author Truman Capote's life when he was researching the events surrounding the 1959 murders in Kansas which were the subject of his award-winning best seller *In Cold Blood*. Co-starring Catherine Keener as Harper Lee.

Chicken Little (G). Disney puts a new twist on the classic fable in this animated adventure about a young chicken (Zach Braff) who creates a panic after an acorn falls on his head because he believes that the sky is still falling. Distinctive voicework provided by Joan Cusack, Don Knotts, Steve Zahn, Catherine O'Hara, Fred Willard, Harry Shearer, Adam West, Garry Marshall, and Patrick Stewart.

Derailed (R for sex, expletives, and violence). Jennifer Aniston and Clive Owen star in this psychological thriller as philandering commuters in the midst of a passionate affair who find themselves blackmailed by the thug threatening to reveal their secret.

First Descent (PG-13 for brief profanity and a drug reference). Daring documentary chronicles the rise of snowboarding by revisiting the exploits of five of the sport's pioneers in some steep, snow-blanketed mountains of Alaska.

Good Night, and Good Luck (PG for adult themes and brief profanity). George Clooney wrote, directed and co-stars in this fifties docu-drama, shot in black & white, which revisits CBS journalist Edward R. Murrow's (David Strathairn) determination to expose the overzealous efforts of the House Un-American Activities Committee as a witch hunt, despite being called a Communist by Senator Joe McCarthy. With Patricia Clarkson and Jeff Daniels.

Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire (PG-13 for fantasy violence and frightening images). Rapidly-maturing, principal cast intact, Mike Newell (*Four Weddings and a Funeral*) assumes the helm to direct the fourth installment in the franchise based on J.K. Rowling's series of children's novels. The now 14 year-old boy wizard (Daniel Radcliffe) with a penchant for ending up in dire predicaments finds himself back at Hogwarts where he is chosen to compete in the big tournament against students from a couple of other schools dedicated to the occult.

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In The Mix (PG-13 for sex, expletives, and violence). Hip-hop icon Usher stars in this Mafia comedy as a DJ-turned-bodyguard who falls in love with the daughter (Emmanuelle Chriqui) of the don (Chazz Palminteri) he is hired to protect.

Just Friends (PG-13 for sex content). Romantic comedy about a lovable loser (Ryan Reynolds) who summons up the courage to tell the girl of his dreams (Amy Smart) his true feelings about her. With Chris Klein, Anna Faris and Alanis Morissette.

Pride and Prejudice (PG for mature themes). Tenth adaptation of the Jane Austen classic exploration of late 18th Century British gentility revolves around a meddling mom's (Brenda Blethyn) efforts to marry off her five daughters (Keira Knightley, Jena Malone, Talulah Riley, Rosamund Pike, and Carey Mulligan) to appropriate eligible bachelors, especially the wealthy Mr. Darcy (Matthew MacFadyen). Cast includes Donald Sutherland and Dame Judi Dench.

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The Squid and the Whale (R for sex and expletives). Dysfunctional family drama, set in Brooklyn in 1986, focuses on the emotional fallout visited upon the 12 and 16 year-old sons of an unhappily married couple (Laura Linney and Jeff Daniels) going through a messy divorce.

Syriana (R for violence and profanity). George Clooney heads the ensemble cast in the lead role of this multi-layered, political potboiler, based on See No Evil, Robert Baer's memoir of his international derring-do during a 21-year career with the CIA. With Oscar-winners Matt Damon, William Hurt, and Chris Cooper, Amanda Peet, Jeffrey Wright, Tim Blake Nelson and Christopher Plummer.

Walk the Line (PG-13 for profanity, mature themes, and a depiction of drug dependency). Joaquin Phoenix impersonates Johnny Cash, while Reese Witherspoon plays wife June in this life and times bio-pic based on two autobiographies by the late country singer who'd "been everywhere, man" and always dressed in black. Cast includes Tyler Hilton as Elvis Presley, Shooter Jennings as his father, Waylon, Jonathan Rice as Roy Orbison, Waylon Payne as Jerry Lee Lewis, and Johnny Holiday as Carl Perkins.

Yours, Mine, and Ours (PG for crude humor). Dennis Quaid and Renée Russo invoke fond memories of Henry Fonda and Lucille Ball who starred in the original version of this blended family comedy about a widower with 8 kids whose marriage to a widow with 10 orphans of her own turns into a nightmare when they all try to live under one roof.

Zathura (PG for fantasy action, scenes of peril, and mild profanity). Based on the Chris Van Allsburg children's book of the same name, this sci-fi sequel to *Jumanji* revolves around the outer space adventures encountered by two brothers (Jonah Bobo and Josh Hutcherson) who find a board game which magically catapults them toward a faraway purple planet. With Tim Robbins and Kristen Stewart.

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CINEMA REVIEW

Yours, Mine & Ours

Dennis Quaid and Rene Russo in Remake of Raunchy Family Comedy

In the best-seller *Who Gets the Drumstick?* Helen North fondly recounted the logistical challenges which she and her second husband, Frank Beardsley, encountered in making a home for a family comprised of 20 children, 8 hers, 10 his, and 2 both of theirs. Their story began when Nurse Helen met Naval Officer Frank while caring for one of his daughters in a military hospital. The recently-widowed couple fell madly in love and were married on September 9, 1961.

They moved into his Carmel, California home and had two additional babies who were born in '62 and '64. Despite the pregnancies and all the chaos, Helen managed to carve out enough time for herself to write the aforementioned autobiography which Random House published in 1965. They were indebted to the Navy which made some special concessions to the family, such as listing their home as a restaurant, so they could purchase groceries from the commissary at wholesale prices.

Helen North's introspective memoir was more spiritual and contemplative than the slapstick interpretation of it released as a film in 1968. Entitled *Yours, Mine & Ours*, it starred Lucille Ball and Henry Fonda in a humorous adventure which relied on pillow fights and sight gags such as Lucy coming unglued after drinking a spiked drink. The movie inspired *The Brady Bunch* (1969-1974), a year later, which became a popular television sitcom.

The success of *Cheaper by the Dozen*, a recent remake of another family comedy based on a true story probably led to the remake of *Your, Mine &*

Ours. In fact, *Cheaper II* is set to be released in late December.

The 2005 edition of *Yours, Mine & Ours* stars Dennis Quaid, Rene Russo and far too many child actors to keep track of. The film departs from the original material by adding a menagerie of pets, including a pig, which adds to the confusion. The original Helen and Frank agreed not to have any pets, since they clearly had their hands full with all the children.

The setting has been shifted from California to Connecticut, and while Frank is still in the Navy, Helen is a

free spirit of sorts. Furthermore, she is now the one with 10 children, a half-dozen of whom are adopted, which explains the colorful rainbow representing every ethnicity.

Nicknamed "Mad Dog," much is made of the militaristic manner in which Frank Beardsley runs the household. His well-behaved brood has been carefully groomed to follow orders. However, Helen's hippies will have none of it, of course, and their natural abandon threatens to drive him crazy. In addition, all 18 of the children conspire to break up the marriage before it



DARLING, I REALLY DON'T CARE MUCH FOR YOUR NEW PERFUME!: Frank Beardsley (Dennis Quaid) is surprised, and clearly not amused, to find himself awakened by his newly acquired pet pig rather than his wife.

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has a chance to gel, another plot development that is in direct contrast to the book.

All the revisions aside, *Yours, Mine & Ours* is hilarious, provided you approach it with the mindset of a 5 to 8 year-old. This is one of those "uptight prude gets what's coming to him" prank comedies that is simply a string of silly, disconnected skits featuring plenty of barfing, water, and pratfalls, though the meanness is ultimately sweetened by a change-of-hearts which leads to the happily-ever-after ending.

Very Good (★★★). Rating: PG for mild crude humor. Running time: 90 minutes. Studio: Paramount Pictures.

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After Keeping the Faith Through Setbacks, Hughes Relished Tiger Football's Success

It was a question that gave Roger Hughes pause as he interviewed six years ago for the Princeton football head coaching job.

After praising his organization and focus, one of the members of the selection committee hit Hughes with a doomsday scenario.

"He said to me say if things don't go your way, the alums are upset, Gary Walters isn't talking to you, you lose your players, and your wife leaves you, what would you do then?" said Hughes, recalling the startling inquiry.

"I thought for a minute. I said that's a good one and that I would find a quiet room and get on my knees and pray."

During the course of the 2003-2004 seasons in which Princeton went 7-13 overall and lost six games on the last play, Hughes found himself frequently seeking divine guidance.

"I wore out my knees the

last three years," said Hughes, whose hair has taken on an increasingly gray tint as the losses mounted. "I questioned why things went the way they did."

Things finally went Princeton's way this fall as the Tigers went 7-3, putting together the program's finest season since 1995 when it went 8-1-1 and won its most recent Ivy League crown.

Although the Tigers fell short of their ultimate goal of an Ivy crown as they finished 5-2 in league play, tied with Harvard for second behind champion Brown, Hughes saw this fall as sweet redemption.

"I think this year we saw that our approach worked," said Hughes, who was working this fall under a one-year extension to his original five-year contract and now has a 26-33 record in his Princeton tenure.

"The seniors and the assistant coaches saw the rewards

of our vision. It was great for the kids to see what we could accomplish. There was a family feeling."

That family feeling was forged well before the season started. "During the offseason, I talked to other coaches around Princeton who have had success and they all said senior leadership was key," said Hughes.

"I tried to learn what they did to foster that. Back in training camp, we did things to make it more fun and you could see special bonds forming."

Although Princeton got off to a 2-0 start, it wasn't until the Tigers dismantled Columbia 43-3 in game three that Hughes really believed that family feeling was going to translate into a memorable fall.

"The way we shut them down and executed, I was thinking that maybe something special was happening," recalled Hughes.

"It was our third win over an undefeated team. So much came from the focus on one game at a time. They didn't get ahead of themselves. The season went so fast."

While Hughes didn't have much time to savor things, two wins stand out. In late October, Princeton went up to Harvard and won a 27-24 thriller, ending a nine-year losing streak to the Crimson.

Two weeks later, the Tigers traveled down to Philadelphia and ended Penn's nine-year hex in emphatic fashion, thumping the Quakers 30-13.

The senior class, which included such standouts as defensive back Jay McCareins, linebackers Justin Stull, Rob Holuba, Nate Starrett, and Abi Fadeyi, receivers Greg Fields and Derek Davis, tight end Jon Dekker, offensive linemen Ben Brielmaier, Dave Szellingsowski, and Paul Lyons, and kicker Derek Javarone, will clearly be missed.

But Hughes is already working on keeping the family feeling alive in his corps of returning players.

"During the last week of the season, I told the juniors and the other underclassmen that this is going to be your team," said Hughes.

The Tigers figure to welcome back key performers like quarterback Jeff Terrell, running backs Rob Toresco and Cleo Kirkland, receiver Brendan Circle, defensive backs Tim Strickland and J.J. Artis, defensive linemen Michael Meehan and Peter Buchigani, and punter Colin McDonough.

Before Hughes moves on to 2006, however, he has taken the chance to pause and reflect on what this fall meant to him.

"It was very gratifying," asserted Hughes. "The head coach gets too much blame when things go bad and too much credit when things go well."

Yet, after enduring some cruel twists which made him something like the Job of Ivy League coaches, Hughes deserves credit for keeping the faith.

—Bill Alden



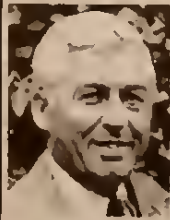
HAPPY FAMILY; Princeton senior offensive lineman and co-captain Ben Brielmaier celebrates with a coach after the Tigers edged Harvard 27-24 in late October to end a nine-year losing streak to the Crimson. Brielmaier's leadership and solid play, which saw him earn second-team All-Ivy recognition, helped spark Princeton to a 7-3 mark this fall.

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DIVINE GUIDANCE: Princeton head football coach Roger Hughes, right, instructs junior quarterback Jeff Terrell in action this fall. After seeing his team go 7-13 overall in 2003 and 2004, Hughes' faith in his approach paid dividends as the Tigers went 7-3 overall and finished 5-2 in league play, tied with Harvard for second behind champion Brown. The win total was the program's best since 1995 when it went 8-1-1 and won the Ivy crown.

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Here's a dubious distinction: the most frequently sacked quarterback since the NFL-AFL merger in 1970. Any guesses? Using a minimum of 1,500 times dropping back to pass, the winner, so to speak, was David Carr of the Houston Texans. Through the middle of the 2005 season, Carr had been sacked once for every 8.9 times he dropped

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Sports

Tiger Men's Hoops Comes Out Flat in Lafayette Loss, Seeks to Develop Consistency, Hard-Nosed Mentality

Princeton men's basketball head coach Joe Scott talks a lot about his desire to see his club develop some staples that will set it apart from the competition.

Three games into the season, however, the chief staple displayed by the Tigers has been a maddening inconsistency. In its season opener, Princeton was pushed around in a 54-41 loss to visiting Drexel. Days later, Princeton pushed back as it manhandled Lehigh 64-54.

Last Sunday, with a crowd of 2,811 at Jadwin Gym hoping to see Tigers continue their progress with a win over Lafayette, Princeton disappointed the home faithful as it came out flat.

Shooting an anemic 27.8 percent from the floor, the Tigers trudged into the locker room trailing 23-13 at the half. While Princeton showed signs of life late in the second half as it cut the Lafayette margin to eight, the Leopards pulled away for a 57-46 win.

Tiger sophomore forward Noah Savage, who scored all 17 of his points in the Tigers' second-half comeback attempt, acknowledged that Princeton was out of sync

from the opening tip-off.

"It seemed like we weren't mentally ready to run our stuff," lamented Savage, a Princeton resident and former star at the Hun School.

"We never knew what offense we were in, people weren't attentive to where the ball was. I felt our defense was just as bad. They scored their first four points on tip-ins, we just let guys walk into the lane. You do that and you know you're not ready to play."

The Tigers' inconsistency so far is puzzling to Savage. "It's tough to find out who we are as a team and what everybody's role is," said the 6'5 Savage, who is Princeton's top scorer at 16.7 points a game.

"Right now our response to adversity is to cave in, give in, and come out flat. We had one good game where we came out and played like we were a good team. Beating Lehigh doesn't make you world champs."

Savage was particularly frustrated by the way the team has struggled at home. "We're a young team," noted Savage. "I don't think a lot of people understand the history and what Jadwin means; that's obvious when you come out they way we did. You don't realize the opportunity we have

and the history we have to uphold."

Scott, for his part, credited Lafayette with seizing the opportunity as it won its second straight game in Jadwin. "Obviously it was a key game for them; I could tell that from their emotional standpoint," said Scott, who got 14 points from senior guard Scott Greenman. "It didn't appear like it was a big game for us. They came out on their toes and we were on our heels. We have to develop the understanding that every time we go out on that court and lace them up, nothing is easy."

Princeton is going to work hard to achieve that hard-nosed mentality. "The

sense of urgency that we had after our first game was missing today," conceded Scott, whose team was outrebounded 32-22 by the inspired Leopards.

"That's something you have to work on developing. We've shown we can play well after not playing well. Right now we didn't have the corresponding ability to play well after having played well. You work on that in practices and develop habits."

Scott was less than impressed by the late second-half rally that made Leopards sweat things with about four minutes left in the contest.

"The game started at 3:00, that's when more urgency is required not when you get down by 19," said Scott with a frown. "If we had that sense of urgency we displayed at that point of time, we might not have gotten in that hole."

As Princeton looks forward to playing at Colgate this Saturday, Scott is confident that his team will be ready to play hard for

40 minutes.

"We need to be ready to meet the challenges thrown at you every night," added Scott. "We have four or five days to work in practice on the things that are going to show up on this tape. I think we have it in us. I like our chances of responding. I like the makeup of this team and what the guys are trying to do together."

Savage, for one, thinks the team can accomplish big things if it sticks together and plays hard. "We're definitely going to be a factor in the Ivy League," maintained Savage with his voice rising.

"Every single game it comes down to how we come out and how we play. If it's like the way we played against Lehigh, we have the chance to win every game. If it's like tonight, we have a chance to lose every game. I feel like when we're running our stuff well, the defense is a step behind."

—Bill Alden



RUNNING IN PLACE: Princeton senior guard Scott Greenman, left, together with Patrick Ekeruo, center, and Noah Savage head up the court last Sunday in the Tigers' 57-46 loss to visiting Lafayette. Princeton, now 1-2 on the season, plays at Colgate on December 3 before hosting Temple on December 6.

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GETTING SPOTTED: Princeton junior forward Patrick Ekeruo, right, battles to get past Lafayette defender Everest Schmidt last Sunday. Princeton fell behind the Leopards 23-13 at half-time and never got closer than eight in the second half on the way to a 57-46 defeat.

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Princeton Men's Hockey Rallies to End Skid, Hopes Win Over Quinnipiac Will Get It Rolling

Having lost six games in a row and trailing 2-0 at Quinnipiac in the second period last Saturday, the Princeton University men's hockey team could've packed it in and accepted another defeat.

Instead, the Tigers responded with six straight goals on their way to a 6-3 win, improving to 3-7 overall and 2-6 in ECAC Hockey League play.

Princeton head coach Guy Gadowsky was more heartened by the manner of victory than the result. "The guys worked hard and came back," said Gadowsky, who got two goals in the win from Brandon Kushniruk and one apiece from Brian Carthas, Seamus Young, Patrick Neundorfer, and Brett Wilson. "All credit goes to the guys. It would've been easy for the guys to just throw up their hands."

Gadowsky is hoping that the offensive balance the Tigers displayed last Saturday will be a harbinger of things to come.

"In this league, you can't rely on just one line," asserted Gadowsky. "Last year, we had one high-scoring line and the other teams keyed on that as the season went. In college hockey, it's important to have balance. Offensively, we have needed to score goals. Hopefully a six-goal game will open the floodgates a little bit."

The future looks good offensively for the Tigers considering the production they are

getting from their freshman trio of Kushniruk, Wilson, and Lee Jubinville. Wilson has scored six points in six games while Kushniruk has five points and Jubinville has chipped in 4.

"We had them playing on a line together and they were doing well but we decided to split them up," said Gadowsky referring to his freshmen. "We have Lee and Brett playing with Grant Goeckner-Zoeller; that's our cerebral line. We have [Darroll] Powe, Neundorfer, and Kushniruk on a line; they are tough to play."

Even though they have struggled to get wins, the Tigers have been playing some tough defense. "I think we are headed in the right direction," said Gadowsky, whose team is giving up three goals a game. "Looking at our defensive numbers, we've been playing more consistently. The defensemen are doing what we are asking them to do."

Senior goalie Eric Leroux, who had 18 saves in the win over Quinnipiac, has been doing what has been asked of him.

"Eric was definitely ready to play," said Gadowsky of his senior netminder who has a 2.66 goals against average in his five starts this season. "He definitely deserved a win and I'm glad he got it. Hopefully, he'll settle in."

While Princeton will find wins tough to come by this weekend when they play at 11th-ranked Cornell on Friday and at No. 13 Colgate on Saturday, Gadowsky is hoping that the experience will benefit his team in the long run.

"We're a team in transition," said Gadowsky, who is in his second season at the helm of the program. "We're learning to win and changing the culture here. That doesn't

happen overnight; it's a long process."

A process that might've gotten a jump start with the offensive outburst at Quinnipiac.

—Bill Alden

Tiger Women's Hockey Splits with Mercyhurst

Freshman forward Annie Greenwood came up big as the sixth-ranked Princeton University women's ice hockey team earned a split with No. 7 Mercyhurst in a two-game set played last weekend at Baker Rink.

On Saturday, Greenwood scored an overtime goal to give the Tigers a 4-3 win over the Lakers. Dina McCumber scored two goals for Princeton with Sarah Butsch adding the other.

A day earlier, Greenwood had a goal but it wasn't enough as the Tigers dropped a 3-2 decision to Mercyhurst. Marykate Oakley added Princeton's other goal while goalie Roxanne Gaudiel made 30 saves.

The Tigers, now 5-3-2, host Cornell on December 2 and Colgate on December 3.

McCareins Reaping In Post-Season Awards

After producing a sensational senior season, Princeton football star Jay McCareins is reaping in the post-season accolades.

Last week, McCareins, the NCAA leader in interceptions who added four touchdowns



POWER PLAY: Princeton University junior forward Darroll Powe races up the ice in the Tigers' 3-2 loss to Quinnipiac on November 22. Powe and the Tigers rebounded from the setback four days later as they overcame a 2-0 deficit to beat Quinnipiac 6-3. Princeton, now 3-7 overall and 2-6 in ECAC Hockey League action, plays at 11th-ranked Cornell on Friday and at No. 13 Colgate on Saturday.

(Photo by Bill Alden NJ SportAction)

on return plays, was named as a unanimous first-team All-Ivy League performer.

The 6'0, 195-pound McCareins, a native of Naperville, Ill., was also chosen as the 2005 winner of the Poe-Kazmaier Trophy, the Princeton football program's MVP award.

Other Tigers joining McCareins as first-team All-Ivy selections were junior punter Colin McDonough, senior tight end Jon Dekker, and senior linebacker Justin Stull. Making the All-Ivy second

team were senior offensive linemen Ben Brielmaier and Paul Lyons, senior kicker Derek Javarone, and senior linebacker Abi Fadeyi. Tigers earning All-Ivy honorable mention included senior offensive lineman Dave Szelingowski and junior defensive back Tim Strickland.

Spicer, Five Others Make All-Ivy Soccer

Capping his stellar career, Princeton men's soccer senior midfielder Darren Spicer was recently named as a first-team

All-Ivy League performer.

Spicer led the Tigers with seven goals this fall, marking the third straight season that he has led the team in scoring. Joining Spicer on the All-Ivy first-team was Tiger junior defender Jame Wimsch.

Princeton senior goaltender Bobby Guleich and freshman midfielder Matt Care, a Hun School alum, were picked for second-team All-Ivy honors. Senior midfielder Ben Young and sophomore defender Matt Kontos earned All-Ivy honorable mention recognition.

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Brown Making Impact on Princeton Record Book In Helping Tiger Women's Hoops to a 2-2 Start

Becky Brown didn't have lofty expectations when she started her career with the Princeton University women's basketball team in 2002.

"I didn't really want to play basketball in college; early in my senior year in high school I wasn't recruiting myself," said Brown. "I visited Princeton and I saw a game and I thought I could be competitive here."

Brown proved to be competitive from the opening tipoff of her freshman year as she was a starter from day one and led Princeton in scoring with 14.9 points a game.

Building on that fine start, the 6'3 native of Nashville, Tenn., has wildly exceeded her expectations as she came into this season's 10th on the Tigers all-time points list with 1,161.

After scoring 19 points on 9-of-9 shooting from the field in Princeton's 68-57 win over Lehigh last week, Brown moved into seventh place on the scoring list, passing Maggle Langlas.

This past weekend, Brown scored a total of 16 points as the Tigers moved to 2-2 by splitting two games in the St. Mary's Tournament in Moraga, Calif., falling to St. Mary's 75-70 on Friday before coming back to edge Central Florida 91-87 a day later.

The unassuming Brown has gradually embraced her role as the Tigers' go-to player in the post. "It's something I have dealt with over the years," said Brown, who is averaging 12.5 points a game so far this season and now has 1,211 in her Tiger career.

"You're lucky to be in that kind of position."

In fact, Brown didn't even know where she stood on the Princeton career list until clued in by her parents. "My parents told me that after the first game," said Brown with a chuckle. "It's great; it's a really neat opportunity to have."

In order to reach that status, Brown has worked hard to improve her game. "I've definitely improved my strength," asserted Brown, who hauled down 11 rebounds in the win over Lehigh. "It's really important to be strong in the post. I'm actually kind of a short center so I've been working on that, being strong with the ball, getting rebounds and being patient."

While Brown is proud of her offensive contribution, she knows that the Tigers and she need to focus on other aspects of the game if they are to be a factor in Ivy League play.

"You've got to have rebounding and you've got to have defense," said Brown. "We've got to keep working on that. I think its going to be a great positive for us."

Princeton head coach Richard Barron thought his team learned something about focus as it built a 39-24 halftime lead against Lehigh only to see the Mountain Hawks pull within four with 4:58 remaining.

"They started to celebrate a little bit," said Barron. "It's a great lesson for them because you can't let your guard down. You have to play with the same intensity no matter what. I was fairly pleased with our defense. Our rebounding was OK but I think that's where we let our guard down in the second half."

Barron did see some progress on offense in the win over Lehigh as his club hit on 51.8 percent from the field (29-for-56) and piled up 22 assists.

"We had a good start, we knocked down some shots and hit some three-pointers," said Barron. "Our ball movement was good, especially late in the first half."

Barron saw the trip to California for the St. Mary's tournament as a way to harden his team for the Ivy battles ahead.

"These teams are going to be more physical, much bigger than the teams we play in the Ivy League," said Barron, who got 30 points from freshman point guard Jessica Berry in the loss to St. Mary's and 25 points from sophomore forward Meg Cowher in the win over Central Florida. "I think our forwards and post match up well with just about anybody."

Brown, for her part, is focused on giving her foes trouble every minute she's on the court. "I'm just trying to concentrate on play-to-play, game-to-game, and being consistent," maintained Brown, who will look to come up big as Princeton plays at Monmouth on December 1 before hosting Colgate on December 3. "I feel like that stuff just kind of comes, I really have to make sure that I'm focusing on each possession."

That focus has helped Brown become one of the top scorers ever to play for Princeton.

—Bill Alden



BERRY GOOD: Princeton freshman point guard Jessica Berry flies in for a lay-up in the Tigers 68-57 win over visiting Lehigh on November 22. Last weekend, Berry exploded for 30 points as Princeton fell 75-70 to St. Mary's at the St. Mary's Tournament in Moraga, Calif. The Tigers topped Central Florida 91-87 in a consolation contest. Berry, who is averaging a team-high 13.3 points a game, was named the Ivy League Rookie of the Week for her efforts.

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CENTER OF ATTENTION: Princeton senior center Becky Brown draws tight coverage in the lane last week in the Tigers' 68-57 victory over Lehigh. Brown went 9-for-9 from the field in the win over the Mountain Hawks as she scored a team-high 19 points. Brown, who is averaging 12.5 points a game, now has 1,211 points in her career, good for seventh on the program's all-time list. Princeton, now 2-2, plays at Monmouth on December 1 before hosting Colgate on December 3.

(Photo by Bill Alden/NJ SportAction)

TOWN TOPICS FALL SPORTS AWARDS

PHS Football's Henriques, Stuart Field Hockey's Bruvik Earn the Nod as Town Topics' Top Fall Performers

He is not that big at 5'9 and 165 pounds and he doesn't possess blazing speed.

But when Alexz Henriques gets the football in his hands, the Princeton High junior running back turns into an unstoppable force.

Displaying an elusive style reminiscent of USC superstar Reggie Bush, Henriques left many a tackler grasping air as he put together one of the most remarkable seasons in recent years.

Henriques rushed for 1,707 yards, setting a PHS single-season record and piling up the second most in CVC history.

Along the way, Henriques produced some truly remarkable performances as he helped lead PHS to a 6-4 mark, the program's best record since the mid-1990s.

Against Hopewell Valley, Henriques rushed for 266 yards and five touchdowns on just nine carries. He piled up 226 yards and two touchdowns in PHS' loss to Monroe in the NJSIAA consolation round.

In the season finale, Henriques ripped through the WW/P-N defense for 250 yards to help PHS to a 42-0 rout of the Northern Knights.

PHS head coach Steve Everette knows that coaching a back like Henriques is a rare opportunity. "Alexz is a special kid, he does things I can't take credit for as a coach," said Everette. "We run an offense that allows him to be able to go out and make a lot of plays."

With Henriques needing 1,327 yards next season to break the career mark of 3,779 set by Trenton's Corey Brown, Everette realizes that his star running back can't rest on his laurels if he is to accomplish that record.

"Hopefully he's going to do the things he needs in the classroom and the weight-room and go out and defend his rushing title," said Everette.

For shredding CVC defenses in an unprecedented fashion, Henriques is the choice as the Town Topics' top male performer of the fall season.

Top Female Performer

Entering her junior season with the Stuart Country Day School field hockey team, Kelly Bruvik was a few inches taller and a step faster than in 2004.

The attacker showed that her stick skills had kept pace with her physical development as she fired in two goals in the Tartans' season-opening 7-1 win over South Hunterdon.

Bruvik continued to find the back of the cage all fall, scoring a team-high 43 points on 22 goals and 21 assists to help lead Stuart to a 17-1-2 record, the best in program history.

She displayed her brilliance when it counted most, firing in both Stuart goals as it beat powerful Allentown 2-1 in the Mercer County Tournament title game as the Tartans won their first-ever outright MCT title.

The humble Bruvik spread the credit as she reflected on Stuart's sweet win over Allentown. "I think we are faster this year," said Bruvik after the win over Allentown. "We had a lot of help from the back. Our transition game starts inside the circle. We've never scored on them. That was our first goal against them; it got everyone fired up."

Stuart head coach Missy Bruvik, Kelly's mother and herself a record-setting scorer for the PHS field hockey



KELLY GREEN: Stuart junior field hockey star Kelly Bruvik, center, battles for the ball in action this fall. With Bruvik scoring a team-high 43 points, the Tartans went 17-1-2 as they posted the best mark in program history. Stuart's special fall was highlighted by its 2-1 win over Allentown in the Mercer County Tournament championship game, giving the Tartans their first outright MCT title.

(Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)



AHEAD OF THE PACK: Princeton High junior running back Alexz Henriques bursts into the clear on his way to a 250-yard performance in PHS' 42-0 rout of WW/P-N in the season finale. Henriques rushed for 1,707 yards this season, breaking the PHS school record and posting the second-highest single-season total in CVC history.

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team in the late 1970s, was fired up by the way her daughter came through against Allentown.

"We've been stymied by them; we lost 0-1 and 0-2 the other two times we played them here," recalled Bruvik. "Jackie [Gaudioso Radvany] and Kelly really work well together. I think the confidence that they've had all season in putting the ball in certainly paid off."

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Former PHS Star Anderson Has Homecoming, Helping Denison Soccer Make NCAA Quarters

Although Kia Anderson enjoyed spending Thanksgiving last week with her family, the Denison University women's soccer star had tried her hardest to not be home for the holiday.

On the Sunday before Thanksgiving, Anderson, a former standout at Princeton High, took the pitch at Mercer County Community College as Denison battled The College of New Jersey in the NCAA Division III quarterfinals.

Anderson and her teammates took a 1-0 lead over undefeated TCNJ but couldn't close the deal as the Lions rallied to earn a hard-fought 2-1 win and a trip to the Final Four in Greensboro, N.C.

In reflecting on the setback, Anderson had no qualms with the effort she and her teammates produced as the Granville, Ohio school went farther than it ever had in the NCAA tournament.

"We battled hard, we gave them their toughest test of the year to that point," said Anderson, a sophomore who had three assists this season from her defender spot and was named an honorable mention performer on the All-

North Coast Athletic Conference squad.

"The game could've gone either way. We lost one player to an ACL injury ten minutes into the game and then there were some late calls that went against us. We have nothing to be ashamed of; we fought our hardest. It would've been nice to have been in North Carolina; that's where I wanted to be this Thanksgiving."

In any event, Anderson relished her soccer homecoming. "My parents were there as were my brother and his fiancée and a bunch of my friends and former teachers," recalled Anderson, who helped the PHS girls' soccer team make it to the Group III Central Jersey final in 2002. "There was so much support; it was really exciting. It was great to play on a field that I had played on in high school."

Anderson gave her fans something to cheer about as she knocked in a penalty kick in Denison's dramatic overtime win over Otterbein on the Sweet 16.

"I was really nervous," said Anderson, remembering the pressure-packed moment.

"We had lost our conference final last season on penalty kicks and we had worked on penalty kicks a lot in practice this season. We were all prepared; we knew the order of our shooters. I always kick to the same spot on those and I tried to be as accurate as I could."

Playing as an outside defender in Denison's 4-3-3 formation, Anderson had a lot of chances this fall to use her speed and skills.

"I got to come up in the offense a lot," explained the 5'3" Anderson. "We had some good central midfielders and the coach knew that the formation was well suited to my speed. I really played almost as much in the midfield as I did in the back. She knew that I liked to go forward."

Denison's forward progress this fall was heartening for Anderson. "It was an amazing season," said Anderson, who helped the Big Red produce a sparkling final mark of 16-4-4.

"It started when we went to Europe this summer. We really bonded off the field. We were so excited to come back and get the season started."

The Big Red did have a bit of a rough patch mid-season but the veteran team used that as a wake-up call.

"We tied some games in the middle of the season that we should've won," acknowledged Anderson. "We knew we needed to work harder; we realized that we could do better."

In the end, Denison realized its potential in a memorable fashion. "There were some awesome moments and great



BACK IN TOWN: Former Princeton High soccer star Kia Anderson, right, races up the field in action for the Denison women's soccer team. Anderson, a standout defender, helped the Big Red advance to the NCAA Division III quarterfinals in the regional played Mercer County Community College. Denison finished the season 16-4-4 after falling 2-1 to The College of New Jersey in the quarters.

wins," asserted Anderson. "We knew we had the ability to win. We had a great chemistry and a great opportunity to do well."

And while Anderson may not have wanted to be in New Jersey this Thanksgiving, she had some wonderful memories to go along with the turkey and trimmings.

—Bill Alden

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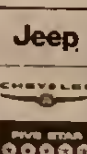
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With Variety of Offensive Weapons, Hun Girls' Hoops Looks Strong Again

Losing six players to graduation from a team that went 22-3 last winter, the Hun School girls' basketball team would appear to be in a rebuilding mode coming into this season.

But Hun head coach Bill Holup doesn't see it that way. "I think we're going to be competitive the whole year," said Holup, whose club advanced to the Prep A and Mid-Atlantic Prep League (MAPL) title games last season only to fall to powerful Peddie in both contests. "We're much quicker and we're a better shooting team than last year. We're smaller but faster. I think our strength will be running."

In Holup's view, his club could run itself into a high-powered offensive machine. "We should have no trouble

scoring," asserted Holup, who is in his seventh year at the helm of the program. "We have four players who can score 15 or 20 points on any given night."

Hun's most experienced scorer is senior post player Mary Stinson. "We're looking for Mary to score inside but she showed last year that she can also hit three-pointers," said Holup of the 6'0 Stinson.

"She gives us leadership and aggressiveness; she is much stronger than she was last year. We are really looking for Mary to provide us with leadership since she is the only player that has been with us all four years."

Another strong scoring threat will be sophomore Emily Gratch, who emerged as one of Hun's most reliable players down the stretch last season.

"Em can play inside or out for us," added Holup, who will be using sophomores Morgan Crawley and Bridget Stinson up front together with a trio of freshmen, Cyndra Couch, Mary Chiarello, and Cara Florini. "She's experienced."

Hun is looking for two newcomers in the backcourt, Amy Tartacoff, a junior transfer from Montgomery High, and Amanda Sepulveda, a post-graduate who starred at Perth Amboy High, to emerge as perimeter threats.

"All and Amanda are both tremendous three-point shooters," said Holup, whose backcourt will also include junior Carol Ann Michel and sophomore Melissa Marino.

"All was the starting point guard last year for Montgomery. Amanda averaged 17 points and seven assists a game last year at Perth Amboy."

Hun's revamped squad got the chance to bond this summer playing in a league in Robbinsville. "It was a good chance for them to meet each other and play together," said Holup. "Amanda came down all the way from Perth Amboy."

With Hun starting the season with home games against Lower Moreland on December 3 and Pennington on December 6, Holup is confident his club will find a rhythm from the start.

"The girls are meshing really well," said Holup, whose team will face such formidable foes as Peddie, Germantown Academy, Morris Catholic, Episcopal, Penn Charter, Notre Dame, and St. Anthony's.

"I think we are a strong team and we will get stronger as the season goes on. It's a matter of consistency. We'll be up tempo and take a lot of 3s. If we're off, the forwards will have to be productive."

—Bill Alden

Hun Boys' Hoops Stocked With Talent, But Must Play Together to Be Special

Idris Hilliard was a revelation down the stretch last winter for the Hun School boys' basketball team.

Improving by leaps and bounds, Hilliard went from being a promising sophomore newcomer to emerging as Hun's go-to player by the end of the season.

With the Raiders slated to start their 2005-06 season by hosting Gilman on December 3, Hun head coach Jon Stone sees the 6'6, 190-pound Hilliard as a focal point right from the opening tip-off.

"Idris will be a big part of what we do," asserted Stone, who is in sixth season guiding the Raider program.

"He feels more comfortable with the school and more comfortable with our system. He was more of an inside player last year. He worked hard this summer on his perimeter skills so he should be more versatile."

Stone is quick to point out that the Huns should be versatile offensively with plenty of weapons at its disposal other than Hilliard.

As usual, the Raiders have two blue-chip post-graduate players in forward Josh Davis and sharp-shooting swing man Chris Petrie, a nephew of former Princeton and NBA star Geoff Petrie who has already committed to play at his uncle's alma mater after high school.

Hun should also get good production from 6'9 senior center Ross Trampler, senior guard Geoff Rizk, and talented sophomore forward Lance Goulbourne.

"Josh Davis can score and really play; Chris can really shoot," added Stone. "We're looking for Ross Trampler to step up and play more minutes. We need Geoff to fill a solid role. Lance is going to be good. Right now he has a broken wrist but when he gets back to 100 percent, watch out."

After a disappointing finish last season which saw Hun drop tight contests to Peddie in both the Prep A and Mid-Atlantic Prep League semifinals, Stone believes his team is hungry to improve.

"We realize that we could've finished better last year," said Stone, whose club ended the 2004-05 campaign with a 16-8 final record.

"The goal is to keep getting better every day. We need to play as a team. That's a big key for us every year at a school like ours, where we have PGs coming in every year."

While Stone notes that his team has been plagued with injuries in the preseason, he is optimistic about the prospects for this winter.

"We need to control the glass with our size," asserted Stone. "We have the ability and talent. We just need to put it together and hopefully things will fall into place."

—Bill Alden



STRONG MOVE: Hun School basketball star Mary Stinson powers to the basket in action last winter. Stinson, a senior, will be counted on to utilize her strength and experience as the Raiders open their 2005-06 season by hosting Lower Moreland on December 3.

(Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)



AIMING HIGH: Hun School basketball star Idris Hilliard strokes a free throw in action last season. After emerging as a star last season in his sophomore year, Hilliard will be counted on for big things as Hun looks to improve on the 16-8 record it posted last winter. The Raiders tip off the 2005-06 campaign by hosting Gilman on December 3.

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POINT TAKEN: Princeton Day School football coach Bruce Devlin makes a point in a practice earlier this fall. Under Devlin's guidance, PDS went 7-1 this fall, matching the program record for most victories in a season. (Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)

Fall Sports Awards

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For her combination of skill and coolness under pressure, Bruvik earns the nod as the top female performer of the fall season.

Top Newcomers

Erik Lefebvre broke five minutes in the mile on the way to setting school records during his time at the Timberlane Middle School.

Joining the Princeton Day School boys' cross country team this fall, Lefebvre showed he wasn't an ordinary freshman.

The gifted Lefebvre took a place at the front of the PDS pack along with senior Jeff Moll from day one.

In the Patriot Conference Meet, Lefebvre helped the Panthers win the team title as he placed second, covering the 3.1 mile course at Gill St. Bernards in a time of 17:46. At the Prep B meet, Lefebvre finished 13th in a time of 18:31 on the hilly course at Blair.

PDS head coach Eamon Downey was taken aback by Lefebvre's rapid progress in his high school debut season.

"I thought he might step in and be top-five on the varsity," said Downey. "He's caught up with our workouts. His biomechanics are good and he is a strong runner. He has a great head for competition, nothing rattles him."

Lefebvre's rapid ascension into the elite of the local cross country scene makes him the choice as the Town Topics' top male newcomer of the fall season.

When the Stuart field hockey team played at Lawrenceville in the fall of 2004, the Tartans put pressure on the Big Red but couldn't break through as they fell 1-0.

This past fall, freshman Jaclyn Gaudioso Radvany got the Tartans on the board early as she found the back of the cage minutes into the game. In overtime, Gaudioso Radvany broke free and slammed home a Kelly Bruvik feed to give Stuart a dramatic 3-2 victory.

The precocious Gaudioso Radvany, who played with the U.S. Junior Olympic team last summer, proved that her effort against Lawrenceville was no fluke as she scored 32 points on 17 goals and 15 assists.

The talented Gaudioso Radvany relished the move up to high school field hockey. "I love the competition," said Gaudioso Radvany. "Winning is the best thing."

For Stuart head coach Missy Bruvik, having Gaudioso Radvany in the lineup helped maximize the Tartans' chances of winning. "She is completely poised with no fear," asserted Bruvik. "She is an attack player. She has a way of putting the ball on someone else's stick if she doesn't find the cage."

For stepping right into the Stuart starting lineup and emerging as a top gun from day one, Gaudioso Radvany gets the nod as the Town Topics' top female newcomer of the fall season.

Top Coaches

When Bruce Devlin took

over the Princeton Day School football program in 2003, he wasn't taking on a plum assignment.

Undermanned on an annual basis, the Panthers had become accustomed to a steady diet of losing.

In that first fall, Devlin made little inroad as PDS went 2-7. In 2004, though, the Panthers showed marked progress as they went 4-4 and posted four shutouts.

Building on that progress, the Panthers emerged as one of the major surprises in local football circles this fall. Utilizing a bruising ground attack and a stifling defense, PDS went 7-1. In so doing, the team tied the program record for wins, matching the 7-1 mark posted by the 1981 squad.

Devlin's proudest coaching feat came in mid-October when he took his club up to the Harvey School on October 18 and led it to a 34-12 victory in a make-up and then guided the team to a 26-18 win over George four days later in the team's home finale.

In reflecting on his team's special fall, Devlin said the success was the result of diligence and togetherness.

"We practice hard and work hard," said Devlin. "The team was a like a big family. The kids got along well in the preseason working hard in the summer heat. There was great chemistry."

For being the person having the biggest role in creating that special mix, Devlin is the top coach among male teams this fall.

Coming into this fall, Joan Nuse had some juggling to do with her Hun School girls' tennis team.

Having lost Angela DiPastina, her top singles player for the previous four seasons, to graduation, Hun was looking at a seismic shift in its lineup.

The talented and mentally tough DiPastina had been the constant as the Raiders won four straight Mercer County Tournament titles as well as Prep A and Mid-Atlantic Prep League crowns over her glittering career.

Inserting Angela's younger sister, Lucy, at first singles and working in transfer Hillary Drewry at second singles and Anna Wiinberg at first doubles, Hun didn't lose its championship mettle.

At the MCT, after being tied with Stuart and Notre Dame after the first day of competition, Hun broke away from the pack to win its fifth straight team title. In the Prep A tournament, the Raiders battled hard to finish in a first-place tie with Lawrenceville to earn their third-straight Prep crown.

"I think overall as a team they did well," said Nuse, who has been coaching the Hun program for the last 17 years. "On different days, different people stepped up. We lost three seniors from last year's team. To have three straight Prep A titles and five straight county titles is awesome. It shows the consistency of the program."

Nuse's ability to draw the most out of her reshuffled team and keep it on a title track makes her the choice as the top coach among female teams this fall.

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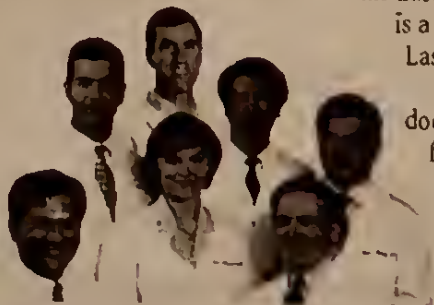
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HIGH FIVE: Hun School girls' tennis coach Joan Nuse, far right, celebrates with her players after the Raiders won the Mercer County Tournament (MCT) team title this October. It was Hun's fifth straight MCT crown. Later in the season, the Raiders tied Lawrenceville for the Prep A team title to make it three in a row in that competition.

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CUTTING EDGE: Princeton High field hockey players May-Ying Medalia, left, and Dee Dee Mahon are all smiles after playing in the USA Field Hockey National Festival in Palm Beach County, Fla. over the Thanksgiving weekend. Medalia, a sophomore, shows off the gold medal she earned playing for The Edge Under-16 team from Somerset which took the national title in its classification. Mahon, a junior, was the leading scorer for The Edge U-19 team, which finished sixth in the seven team "A" division. PHS junior Isabella Formento also participated in the National Festival, playing back for Spirit USA U-16 team from Southampton, N.J.

LOCAL SPORTS

Rec Department Offers High School Hoops

The Princeton Recreation Department is offering a recreation basketball program for boys and girls in grades 10-12 on Sundays, beginning December 11.

The program will run for ten weeks from 4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. at the John Witherspoon Middle School gym. The high school recreation league will be run as an open-gym format, allowing the players to form their own teams from week to week. There will be a supervisor on site from the Recreation Department.

Registration will be \$20 per student for the ten-week session with free admission for everyone on the first day of the program. This program is open to all Princeton High School students as well as students that attend private schools located in Princeton.

Registration forms are available at the Recreation Department office or by downloading them via the Rec Department website at www.princetonrecreation.com. Registration forms will also be handed out to everyone on December 11.

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Registration materials are available from the PSS website, www.princeton-specialsports.com, and at the Princeton Recreation Department. The registration deadline is November 30. For more information, please e-mail specialsports@aol.com, or call Deborah Martin Norcross at 609-279-0191 (English) or Marisela Teles at 609-799-8584 (Spanish).

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COOL CUSTOMER: Princeton Day School girls' hockey star Leah Lefebvre glides up the ice in action last winter. Lefebvre, a sophomore, will be counted on to shore up the Panther defense as it starts its season by hosting Lansdale Catholic on November 30 and Summit on December 2.

(Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)

PDS Girls' Hockey to Feature Balance As It Works Through Transition Phase

Last winter, the Princeton Day School girls' ice hockey team relied heavily on two senior meal tickets.

Up front, the prolific Meg Kerwin scored the lions' share of goals for the Panthers, finishing the season with a team-high 49 points on 38 goals and 11 assists.

As its last line of defense, PDS featured athletic and cool-headed goaltender Kristina Costa, who started every game between the pipes and came up with a slew of crucial saves.

Looking forward to the 2005-06 campaign, PDS head coach John Cook knows that his club is going to have to share the wealth.

"We're going to be working on team play and moving the puck," said Cook, whose team went 9-14 last year as it advanced to the state Prep semifinals. "We need to forecheck as a team all over the ice. We need to have two people around the puck and the other working to get free."

As for goal production, Cook believes that a pair of seniors, Jessica Cellars and

Sabrina Basu, and a pair of sophomores, Noni Ammidon and Emily Cook, can pick up the slack left by the departure of Kerwin.

"I think Jessie Cellars will be good for us in front of the net," said Cook, whose corps of forwards will also include senior Mary Peters, junior Maria Cannavo, sophomore Katherine Levinon, and freshman Georgia Travers.

"Sabrina Basu is pretty strong and has a good shot. Noni is healthy this year and should score for us. Emily is also doing well."

The big question mark for the Panthers is going to be sophomore goalie Elisa Cichonski, who has never played the position before.

"She is new at it and I don't know how it's going to go," acknowledged Cook. "She's a catcher on the softball team. She's a good athlete and she has a great attitude."

Luckily for PDS, it has several talented defensemen who should keep Cichonski from being under heavy fire.

Senior Amanda Levy, junior Katy Briody, sophomore Leah Lefebvre, and freshman Brooke Ollson figure to see most of the ice time on the blue line.

"Our defense should be solid," asserted Cook. "Katy, Brooke, and Leah are very strong and they have good shots. Amanda worked with a skating teacher this summer and her skating has really improved."

With the Panthers opening their season with home games against Lansdale Catholic on November 30 and Summit on December 2, Cook is going into things hopeful that his team can mesh in a hurry.

"It looks to be a building year but you never know," said Cook. "We need to get the girls in shape so they can use their good speed."

—Bill Alden

PDS

Boys' Hockey: The Panthers get their 2005-06 campaign underway by hosting Randolph on November 30 and Rye Country Day on December 2. PDS, coached by Chris Barless, went 16-6-2 last season and fell in the state Prep final, breaking a streak of seven straight titles.

HUN

Boys' Hockey: The Raiders open their 2005-06 season by hosting Academy of New Church on December 2 and then playing at the Pingry School on December 5. Hun, coached by Francois Bourbeau, went 10-7-3 last season.

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OBITUARIES

Margaret B. Adams

Margaret Baker Adams, 95, of Lawrenceville, formerly of Princeton, died November 20 at the University Medical Center at Princeton.

Daughter of a Presbyterian minister, she lived in Illinois, Wisconsin, New Mexico, Arkansas, Ohio, New York City, and Indiana before settling in Philadelphia as a teenager. She graduated from Teachers' College of the University of Pennsylvania in 1931 and was employed as a social worker in South Philadelphia during the early years of the Great Depression. She lived in Princeton for 17 years while her husband, the late Dr. Arthur M. Adams, served as a professor and a dean of Princeton Theological Seminary.

Before coming to Princeton, Mrs. Adams was an active participant in the Presbyterian congregations her husband served as pastor in Philadelphia, Albany, N.Y., and Rochester, N.Y. Following Dr. Adams' death in 1979, she moved to Lawrenceville, where she was active in the Presbyterian Church of Lawrenceville and The Woman's Club of Lawrenceville. She continued

her interests in history, current events, and gardening to the end of her life.

She is survived by a son, Dr. Robert M. Adams of Oxford, England; a daughter, Janet A. Fearon of Princeton; a brother, Daniel A. Baker of Baltimore, Md.; two grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and a devoted caregiver, Sandra W. Gadson.

A memorial service will be held on Wednesday, December 7 at 1 p.m. at the Presbyterian Church of Lawrenceville.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the scholarship fund of the Princeton Theological Seminary, Dept. of Seminary Relations, P.O. Box 821, Princeton 08542-0803; or to the Presbyterian Church of Lawrenceville, 2688 Main Street, Lawrenceville 08648.

Mary L. Torre

Mary L. Torre, 84, of Princeton, died November 29 at the Clare Estate in Bordentown.

Born in New York City, she was the daughter of the late William and Elizabeth Lynch Driscoll.

She was a member of the National Republican Committee.

Predeceased by her husband, Thomas Paul Torre Sr., she is survived by two sons, William of Princeton and Thomas of Robbinsville; a sister,

Elizabeth Riebe of Southberry, Conn.; and two granddaughters.

The funeral will be held on Saturday, December 3 at 9 a.m. at the M.J. Murphy Funeral Home, 616 Ridge Road, Monmouth Junction. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10:15 a.m. at St. Augustine of Canterbury Church, 45 Henderson Road, Kendall Park. Burial will follow in Bound Brook Cemetery, Bound Brook.

Friends may call on Friday evening, December 2 from 7 to 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Benjamin J. Trani

Benjamin J. Trani, 81, of Palmyra, N.J., formerly of Princeton, died November 23 at Kennedy Memorial Hospital in Cherry Hill.

Born in Ischia, Italy, he immigrated to Princeton at an early age and lived in Belle Mead for 31 years. He lived in North Carolina for 10 years before moving to Palmyra four years ago.

A graduate of St. Paul's School and Princeton High School, class of 1943, he attended Rider College.

He was a U.S. Navy veteran, having served as a signalman in World War II.

He worked for many years as a construction supervisor at Brook-Chester Construction Company in Bound Brook, where he was a mem-

ber of the Carpenters Union No. 455.

He was an avid golfer.

Son of the late John Trani and Francesca Mazzella, he was predeceased also by a brother, John, and a sister, Natalie. He is survived by his wife of 55 years, Lorraine; three daughters, Lori Gettelfinger of West Windsor, Susar Delaney of Jeffersonville, Pa., and Krista Trani of Palmyra; seven siblings, his twin brother Joseph, Agnes, Carmella, Ralph, Francis, Mary, and S. Richard; and six grandchildren.

The funeral service and interment were November 29 at Brigadier General William C. Doyle Veterans Cemetery in Wrightstown.

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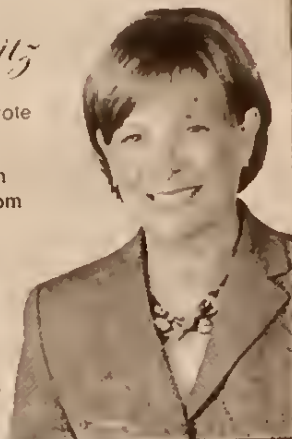
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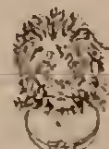
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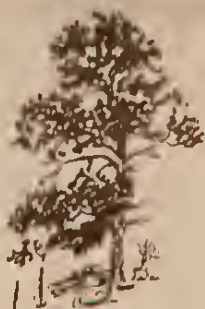
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held at Richardson Auditorium, Thursday, December 29, with music by Strauss, Lehar, and von Suppe.

Both the current Governor's residence and that of former Governors are planning special events for the holidays. Drumthwacket's Holiday Open House is set for December 7, 11, and 14, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., and will feature festive holiday decorations focusing on a New Jersey heritage theme.

Morven, former home to New Jersey Governors, offers a "Festival of Trees." Including the Nassau Inn's "Golden Age of Travel Tree", at the Morven Museum and Garden, December 6 through January 8. Morven will also offer a New Jersey holiday presentation from December 7 through January 8, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. The Morven Museum will be open for holiday shopping.

Early Arrival

Princeton Airport expects an early arrival from Santa, at 11 a.m. on Christmas Eve day. Bring a large wrapped gift with a child's name, and Santa will distribute it when he arrives. Participants are also asked to bring an unwrapped gift of clothing, books, or toys to be delivered through the Mercer County Board of Social Services.

The seven-day African-American celebration of Kwanzaa begins on December 26, and Princeton's annual Menorah lighting will be held on Hurlish North Plaza (near Medterra Restaurant) on December 27, from 5 to 7 p.m. The Sheket Choir will sing festive music.

For many, one of the pleasures of the season is the sight of so many buildings and residences decorated with colorful lights, greenery, hanging lei-

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CHRISTMAS SINGING: The Princeton Girls' Chorus sang at Friday afternoon's lighting of the Christmas Tree in Palmer Square. (Photo by E.J. Greenblatt)

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As it has been in the past and is now, Princeton is a place where giant malls are not necessary to find the perfect gift, and holiday shopping can be accomplished amid familiar faces, in favorite stores, and in the glow of the Palmer Square Christmas tree.

The shopping scene is enhanced by the annual Old Fashioned Holiday in Princeton, featuring strolling musicians, horse-drawn carriage rides, and visiting Santa. The shops' decorations and window displays invite customers to browse and buy, as the holiday anticipation builds.

These seasonal vignettes are a pleasure for a long-time Princeton resident, who especially savors the holiday ambience of Palmer Square. "For me, it's a tradition to walk through the Square to see the decorations, tree, and then have lunch and enjoy the spirit of the season. I love seeing the people scurrying around, carrying packages, and sharing the excitement in the air."

"One year, on Christmas Eve day," she continues, "I had everything ready and just had to pick up rolls from the bakery. There was a huge line, and I stood there for an hour. But every single person talked to everyone else. It made the time pass so quickly, and it actually was fun."

"Also," she adds, "even though you are so rushed and busy, take time off for fun and have lunch with your best friends. Just set aside that time. Be in the moment! You'll be glad and more refreshed for all the things you have to do later."

Magic of Music

Princeton has much more than shopping to offer during the holidays. From music to theater to museum and house tours, a myriad of festive choices abound. That timeless treasure, Charles Dickens' *A Christmas Carol* will be on stage at McCarter Theatre again this year, with performances scheduled for December 6 through December 24. Call the theatre for dates and times. This is a must for many Princetonians and their visiting friends and relatives.

The magic of music is an integral part of holiday celebrations, and Princeton is fortunate to have outstanding musical events scheduled throughout the season.

The American BoyChoir will give its "Voices of Angels" performance at the Princeton University Chapel on Saturday, December 17, and its "Winter Wonderland" performance at Richardson Auditorium on Sunday, December 18.

The Princeton Symphony Orchestra has scheduled a special holiday concert, with tenor Stuart Neill and the Princeton High School Choir, in Richardson Auditorium on Saturday, December 17 at 4 p.m. Princeton Pro Musica offers a holiday concert on Friday, December 16, also at Richardson, and The Greater Princeton Youth Orchestra performs its annual holiday concert at Richardson, Saturday, December 17 at 8 p.m.

The Westminster Choir College has scheduled several concerts through December. "An Evening of Readings and Carols" will be performed December 9-10 at the Princeton University Chapel. Other programs will be presented at Bristol Chapel on the Westminster campus.

Performances of Westminster Choir College

have been greatly admired by a new Princeton resident, who remembers a special evening when the choir performed at the Princeton University Chapel. "I felt as if I were in heaven! The whole chapel was filled, and everyone lit a candle. A special choir was in the back, and they started singing so softly and quietly, I thought they were angels from heaven."

Beautiful Voices

Many of the town's churches have special holiday musical programs, she adds. "I have been to many, and they certainly fill you with the spirit of the season."

Another Princeton friend especially enjoys the Christmas music service at the Princeton Theological Seminary. "The second Wednesday of December is always marked off on our calendar as the night to attend the Christmas service in Miller Chapel. Some years, it is Lessons and Carols, others, it is Carols of Many Nations. Each year, for our family, it marks the beginning Christmas. Organ, harp, and beautiful voices fill the chapel, and the reading of the Word reminds us of what Christmas is about. As "Silent Night" and "Peace, Peace, Peace" are blended together in the candle light, the prayer for 'Peace on Earth, Good Will to Men' fills our hearts and strengthens our resolve to make the world a better and more peaceful place."

Everyone is invited to join in the singing on Christmas Eve, when carolers assemble on the Arts Council front lawn at 5 p.m. and proceed to sing on Palmer Square, with the Blawenburg Brass Band leading the festivities. Bring candles, lanterns, flashlights, and bells, and keep your eyes open for Santa!

As the New Year approaches, a "Viennese New Year" performance by the New Jersey Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Julius Rudel, will be

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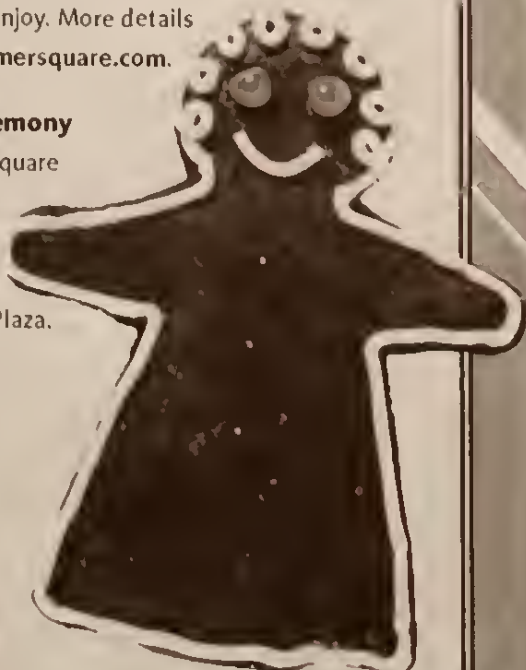
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"One of the best gifts I ever had came in the form of two special friends and their helping hands," recalls a Princeton neighbor. "David, our second son, was born in early December, and Christmas was coming upon us quickly. With the house still undecorated, I was getting worried. Then, early one evening, a week and a half before Christmas, the doorbell rang, and there stood our friends, greens in hand, smiles on their faces.

"They 'spoke not a word, but went straight to their work', and in no time, our home became a winter wonderland! Green garlands were draped, the tree trimmed, and lights and decorations in place. Our home was now ready for Santa!"

In fact, adds another friend, a tree and all the trimmings can be a special gift for someone who has been sick or who has a shortage of time and/or funds. "Having the tree delivered as a present and providing the 'manpower' to decorate it can be a very fun and festive gift. The giver provides the tree and delivery, stand, and the food and drink for the evening/day of the trimming. It could even be expanded to decorating the house, as a great group present. This can definitely turn what might have been a 'chore' into a festive gathering."

Giving the gift of one's time is sure to be welcomed by a young mother in need of a baby sitting, an older person, perhaps in a nursing home or confined to the house, or a friend in need of some extra T.L.C. Also, shop or cook for someone who needs a helping hand now or later.

And as another friend points out, "You can also give your time to go caroling with others for people in the hospital or in nursing homes. This can mean so much to patients, really, more than you know."

Thoughtful Gifts

Make it personal, suggests a Princeton resident. "Be as thoughtful as you can about gifts, and try to get something that is personal and suitable for the person. One year, a friend of mine gave one daughter-in-law 12 place settings of Lenox, and the other daughter-in-law, a sidewalk! Both were very thoughtful



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SINGING FOR A GOOD CAUSE: Claude Feltus sang Creole and Haitian slave songs at the Literacy Volunteers of Mercer County's recent fund-raising musicale, which was hosted by Barbara Vahlsing at her Cherry Hill Road home. He was accompanied by guitarist Wegens Pierre. Literacy Volunteers is a non-profit organization providing free tutoring in basic literacy and English for adult speakers of other languages.

(Photo by E.J. Greenblatt)

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cles, roof-top Santas, and displays of angels, snowmen, and reindeer. It has become a tradition to walk or ride through neighborhoods, enjoying these colorful scenes.

Says one resident: "We love to go out and look at all the lights and decorations. Remember, the people took time to do it, and it is really for others to enjoy."

As always, too, beauty is in the eye of the beholder. Another friend tells of a pre-Christmas stroll through a neighborhood, accompanied by a four-year-old. "As we passed one house, which struck me as quite gaudily decorated, really 'over the top', my little friend turned to me, and commented, 'Doesn't that just warm your heart!'"

Enjoy Princeton's special effort to make the holiday season beautiful to the eye and ear. Take a moment, too, to remember what it's like to savor the scene through the eyes of the very young.

—Jean Stratton

Literacy Volunteers Offer Holiday Gift Wrapping

Literacy Volunteers in Mercer County will be gift wrapping at Princeton Barnes & Noble at Market Fair on Friday, December 9, from 10 a.m. until 10 p.m. Holiday shoppers can get a head start on wrapping and their donations will benefit literacy programs. Anyone interested in volunteering for this event should contact Literacy Volunteers in Mercer County at (609) 587-6027.

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colorful spring bouquet she could put together. Not only was it beautiful, it was a great reminder of the generosity of our former neighbors, the donors."

Another idea along this line is the landscape gift. One of my neighbors invited me to view her latest acquisition a few months ago. There, on her front lawn was a small tree surrounded by a fresh mound of dirt. "This was one of my Christmas presents," she announced. "My daughter, who lives in Chicago, didn't know what to get us for Christmas last year, and she knows that we love flowering shrubs and trees; so she arranged for the nursery to send us a gift certificate for a tree or shrub, which we could pick out ourselves. The best part of the gift was that the nurseryman would send one of his employees to plant the tree for us. You know how my husband hates yard work!"

Not only was this an outstanding gift, but each year, the tree would bloom again, reminding my neighbor of her daughter's thoughtfulness.

Surprises are great. Nothing is more fun than a totally unanticipated offering under the tree on Christmas morning. A good friend of mine was surprised when she saw a seemingly empty tote bag from a cruise line under the tree last year. "Now, that is the ultimate in re-gifting," she thought. "Hal knows I've kept those bags from the Holland America cruise we took through the Panama Canal; they're great for my knitting, but a Christmas present?"

Upon further investigation, she discovered that the bag contained two tickets for an Alaskan cruise, airline tickets, a confirmation for a 3-night stay at a hotel in Vancouver.

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ALL EYES ON SANTA: A pre-Christmas Palmer Square appearance by Santa Claus had everyone looking up at Friday's Christmas Tree lighting ceremony.

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gifts, exactly what each person wanted.

"Another different kind of gift is to pay off or pay toward someone's bill or mortgage or for a special treasure that person has been trying to pay off, such as a painting, a piece of jewelry or furniture. These kinds of gifts truly become keepsakes of Christmas memory.

"But," she adds, "if you can't think of something especially appropriate, give them something you love because then you are giving them a part of yourself."

The opportunities for thoughtful presents are really endless, however. "Pay attention when you visit a friend and see where the need lies," points out a former Princeton neighbor, now in Massachusetts. "When I visit a friend who does not like to grocery-shop, for example, I find that filling her cupboard, wine closet, and fridge with foods she will eat really pleases her. With another, who emphatically 'does not cook', I treat her to home-made rolls on a regular basis, as well as inviting her to lunch on many Sundays.

"Does your friend like to read? Has she or he ever mentioned a book they were looking for and couldn't find? Try to get it. Many bookstores have used book areas for books that are out of print. And, of course, you can go on-line."

A transplanted Princetonian, now in Tucson, has come up with a nifty idea for plant-lovers and for those on the receiving end of the ubiquitous holiday poinsettia. "Each year, we receive poinsettia plants from many friends around the country. Rather than getting 10 poinsettias, wouldn't it be better to be able to pick out a plant/fresh flowers, etc. at your convenience? Think of daffodils on a cold, dreary March day!

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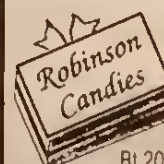
"Well, last year, one of our friends from Princeton called our local florist and asked the shop's proprietor to send us a gift certificate for flowers or plants. Even Tucson can be a bit gloomy on certain days in February, so we called up the florist and asked for the most

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COZY CORNER: These playful gnomes from Sweden are a favorite at Ambleside Gardens and Nursery. In assorted sizes and poses and made of wood and fabric, they are among the many appealing ornaments and decorations at this popular nursery and its Christmas shop. Aglow with holiday lights from assorted decorated theme Christmas trees, Ambleside is particularly known for its selection of nativities from across the globe, special Noah's Arks, authentic German nutcrackers and ornaments, and handmade wood and leather boxes from Russia and Poland. New this year are beautifully handpainted real eggs from Austria, each slightly different. Ornaments of every kind — whimsical Krinkles to gorgeous glass balls — abound, and there are the collectible Byers Carolers and the popular AnnaLee dolls. Year-round garden gifts include slate thermometers by T. M. Hoff, and handsome lanterns and rain gauges. Ambleside is definitely the place for trees of every variety, both fresh-cut and live, available from tabletop to 14 feet. Wreaths of all kinds are plentiful, but order early for custom and special arrangements.



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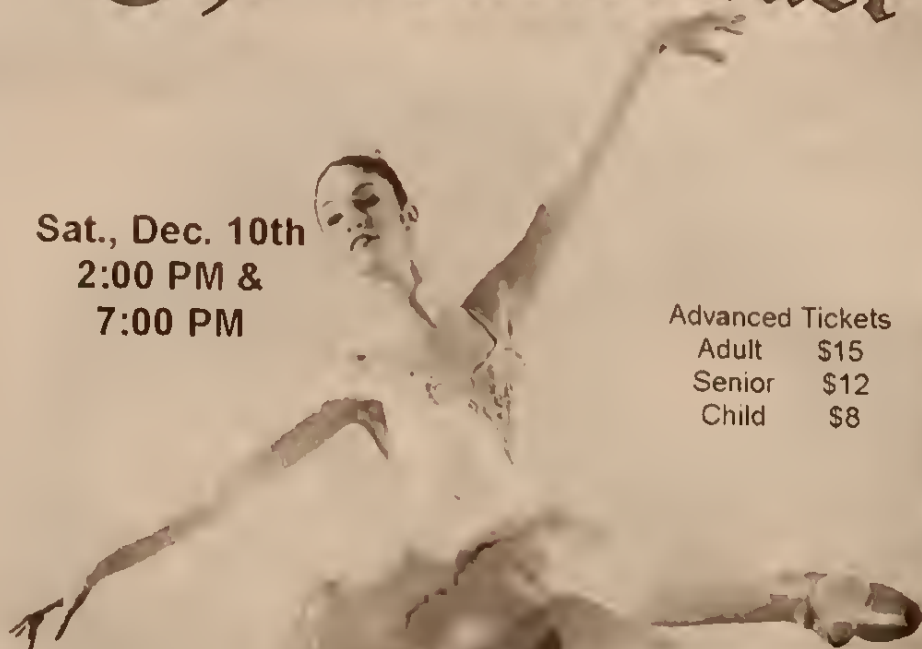
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FAVORITE FASHION: Phyllis Davison, owner of The Dandeline Shop, holds a red leather applique Brighton handbag and matching wallet. The Brighton line of bags, jewelry, and gifts are exclusive to the shop in the area, as are the famous Pendleton and Geiger clothing lines. Novelty beaded and embroidered jackets, matched with dressy silk skirts or pants are favorites for holiday parties, reports Ms. Davison, and chiffon flounce skirts in an array of colors are a great look with one of Dandeline's cashmere sweaters. Decorative belts are very important now, worn over sweaters, blouses or jackets, and for a special soiree, there is a fabulous black ostrich feather-trimmed shrug, perfect with that little black dress.

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ribbons and sprigs of holly, soon to be delivered to family and friends. A grand accompaniment to the Christmas roast or turkey!"

When some names on your list simply elude the proper present, there is always the gift certificate. No one doesn't like a gift certificate! You might get your favorite book, a new CD, video, or DVD, a sweater, scarf, a year's supply of ice cream or chocolates, dinners at a special restaurant, or be pampered with a facial, massage, pedicure, manicure ... whatever you can imagine!

Gifts for kids are so tempting — they surge forth in a never-ending torrent these days, with one big ticket item after another. Keep in mind, though, for the smaller children, especially, it is often the simplest gift that brings the most pleasure. A friend reports that nothing pleases her young nieces and nephews more than a chance to visit the Dollar Store.

"This is the Dime store of my past, and they absolutely love it. So, I give them five \$1 bills in a pretty envelope and card, and let them do their thing. I ask them to let me know what they have chosen with the money, and sometimes their thank you notes tell me."

Making sure that all children receive holiday gifts is something we should all emphasize, and here in Princeton, we are not always aware of the need, even in our own area, as well as beyond. Fortunately, there are those who when they see a need, address it. In addition to the numerous organizations and charities helping others, many people on an individual basis volunteer their services to see that children do not go without.

Recently, it became known that for many years, a married couple in Utah has been making wooden toys for impoverished children in the U.S. and around the world. All on their own, using their own materials, tools, supplies, and ingenuity, they created little cars, trucks, boats, and dolls for children who often had never received even one toy before.

It is in that spirit that many individuals today are giving donations as gifts in a friend's name to a special charity or organization. There are, after all, so many ways to give.

Hurricane Victims

Reports a former Princeton resident, now in Nebraska, "This year our weight loss group, instead of giving to one another a "Grab Bag" present costing \$10 or less, will each be giving \$10 to help hurricane victims. Half of the money will go to the Salvation Army and half to the Red Cross."

She adds that after the ravages of the recent hurricanes, numerous organizations have been collecting clean clothing

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Womanspace, with administrative offices in Trenton, provides comprehensive emergency and follow-up services for victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. Such services, as safe, short-time emergency shelter, 24-hour bilingual hot line, individual and group counseling, among others, are available for victims and their families.

A financial donation to Womanspace in your or someone else's name is a welcome gift. In addition, particularly needed are new clothing for women and children, such as pajamas, underwear, hats, scarves, gloves, shoes, and socks in various sizes. Also: non-violent toys for kids of all ages, and especially needed for children nine to 13, play station video games, CD players and CDs, VHS videos, computer and educational games, and hand-held video games with batteries. Clothing for teens (boys and girls) is also needed. All gifts should be unwrapped and received by December 12.

Gift certificates or cash cards for books stores, drug stores, department stores, and supermarkets are also greatly appreciated. Call (609) 394-9000 for more information and to arrange drop-offs.

Community Project

Communities of Light, a community project to benefit Womanspace, will be held in Mercer, Hunterdon, and Somerset counties on December 18. Residents and businesses are asked to light luminary candles along driveways and sidewalks. Candle kits with supplies for six luminaries are available in such locations as McCaffrey's, Wegman's, Wild Oats, Terhune Orchards, Peterson's Nursery, and PNC Banks.

Preserving and strengthening families and the community is the goal of Family & Children's Services of Central New Jersey. Its range is comprehensive — from helping to keep families together, counseling to assist in developing basic life skills, school intervention, and alcohol counseling to simple lessons in learning to play with a baby and caring for an elderly parent. These are all part of programs — providing early intervention services, helping families in crisis, increasing links to community services, advocating on behalf of fragile families — that can turn lives around.

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WINE-TASTING AT THE FIREHOUSE: The pouring at Mercer Engine #3's first ever wine-tasting and art exhibit for charity is being done by Mark Bovenizer, volunteer fireman and owner of Community Liquors. The event, which was co-chaired by Mr. Bovenizer and fireman/artist 2nd Lt. Truett Urian, took place November 19 at the Witherspoon Street firehouse.

(Photo by E.J. Greenblatt)



A QUILT FOR THE STONES: One of the main attractions at the recent wine-tasting, silent auction, and art exhibit at Mercer Engine #3 was a quilt featuring the Rolling Stones signed on the back by the Stones and others close to the group. The man in the dark suit at left is Steve Zarochin, whose paintings and sculpture were among those on display. Funds raised at the event will go for gifts for the volunteers who donate so much of their time to Princeton's all-volunteer department.

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Along these lines, you may well receive new gifts to replace older appliances that still have a useful life. Collect them and donate them to Goodwill, local churches, day care centers, charity groups, the Salvation Army, etc. Recycling is good for everyone.

My Nebraska friend also points out that when giving a donation to a cause or charity in another's name, it is appropriate to know where the donor would like the contribution made. "With national organizations, such as Habitat for Humanity, the Salvation Army, the Heifer Project, etc., you really can't go wrong. And, surely, you have heard your friend or family member speak of their interest or involvement in a particular area. Listen and learn!"

In our area, such organizations as the Crisis Ministry of Princeton and Trenton, Family & Children's Services of Central New Jersey, and Womanspace, are making efforts to help those in need by providing food, financial assistance, mentoring and counseling, and outreach.

They all welcome your help in fulfilling their mission. Financial aid, food, clothing, products and toys are always needed, and especially during the holidays.

Gift of Hope

Gifts of money, food, or personal products to the Crisis Ministry can be dropped off at the organization's Princeton office at the Nassau Presbyterian Church at 61 Nassau Street. A donation of \$25 will feed three families. A gift of \$50 will buy prescription medicine. Such items as soaps, lotions, shaving products, and feminine and baby care items or laundry detergent can be wrapped up and will be given to those who truly need them.

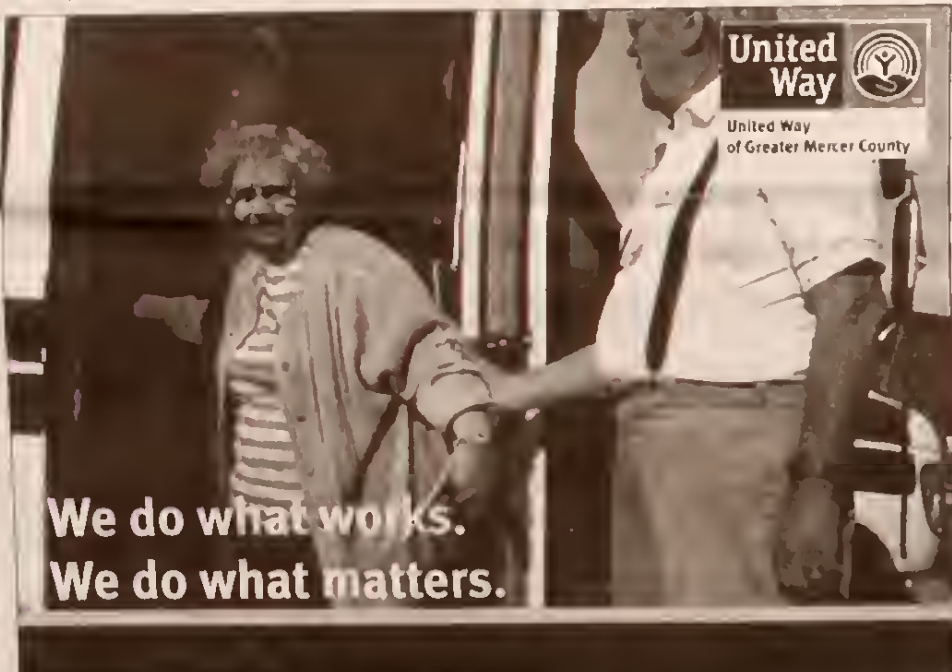
If gifts to the Crisis Ministry are given in honor of a friend or family, the organization will send a "Gift of Hope" card to the honoree.

Other services include utility assistance for those with discontinued service, and back rent to people who face court-ordered evictions. "A gift of \$500 prevents the agony of homelessness for one family in our area," reports a Crisis Ministry spokesperson.

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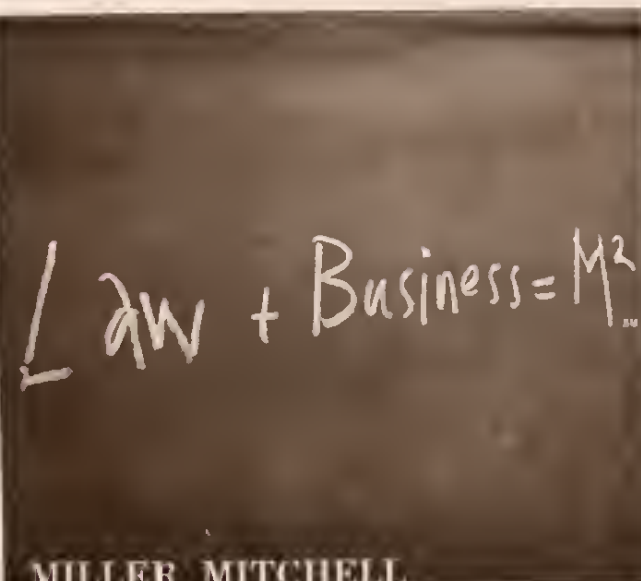
TEMPTING THE TASTEBUDS: Heidi Karbownik, manager of Main Street Kingston Bakery & Coffeehouse, holds one of Main Street's custom gift baskets, a favorite holiday specialty. Filled with gingerbread men and trees, chocolate gingerbread snowmen, peanut brittle, fruit bread, nuts, coffee, tea, cookies, and seasonal fruit, the baskets can be individualized or ready-to-go. In addition, a variety of gift packages and containers, filled with cheddar crisps, chocolate-covered espresso beans, and assorted savory nuts, are available, as are Main Street's traditional Yule logs, and delicious Christmas butter cookies, cakes, pies, and tarts. The annual holiday open house will be held December 3 and 4, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., and everyone is invited for complimentary refreshments to welcome the holidays.



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There will be a preview party on Friday, December 2 which will feature silent and live auctions, with hors d'oeuvres and beverages. For additional information on attending the preview party, call (609) 924-2277.

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Santa and his reindeer will be at the Princeton Seminary pool on Friday, December 2, from 6 till 8 p.m. Parents and children of all ages are invited to share holiday wishes with Santa, take pictures, and splash around the pool.

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"We are now like a single unit. We are one family," remarked Beatrice, who is now taking college courses to improve her English.

"I could never repay you for the food you brought us, the clothes, and the times you made me laugh and listened to me," said Kyisha.

Donations to Family & Children's Services can be made by check and also through food certificates from such stores as McCaffrey's and gift certificates from others. Call (609) 924-2098 for more information.

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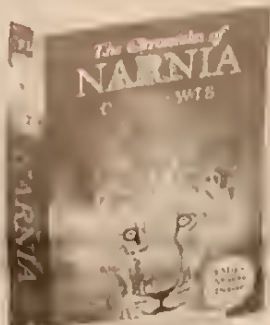


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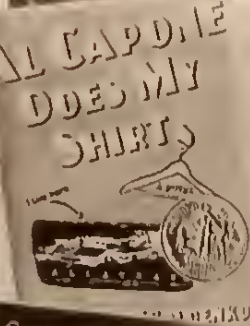
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The Chronicles of Narnia

by C.S. Lewis.

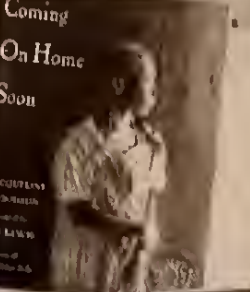
Just in time for the movie, classic editions of The Chronicles of Narnia are available featuring never before seen images from one of the most anticipated films of the year.



Al Capone Does My Shirts

by Gennifer Chiolden

In 1935, 12-year-old Moose Flanagan and his family move from Santa Monica to Alcatraz Island where his father gets a job as an electrician at the prison and his mother hopes to send his autistic older sister to a special school in San Francisco. Grade 6-8.



Coming on Home Soon

by Jacqueline Woodson

A beautifully written and illustrated story from the creators of The Other Side, set during World War II. Kindergarten-Grade 3.



Kitten's First Full Moon

by Kevin Henkes

This beautiful picture book, winner of the 2005 Caldecott Medal, captures the sweet, sometimes slapstick struggle of Kitten, who sees her first full moon and thinks it's a bowl of milk in the sky. Ages 4-8.



Knuffle Bunny: A Cautionary Tale

by Mo Willems

As Trixie and her dad return from the Laundromat, she realizes that her stuffed bunny has been left behind. Try as she might, (in hilarious gibberish), she cannot get her father to understand her problem. PreSchool-Grade 1.



The Red Book

by Barbara Lehman.

This perfectly eloquent wordless book tells the complex story of a reader who gets lost, literally, in a little book that has the magic to move her to another place. Caldecott Honor Book. K-6.

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The Holiday Blues

By the Rev. Peter K. Stimpson



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QUESTION: I'm dreading the holidays. Every year at this time, I get a bad case of "the blues", and can't seem to shake them. My family gets frustrated with me, and I just don't understand why I'm down when everybody else is up. Can you help me?

ANSWER: To understand why many people get depressed during what most people picture as the happiest time of the year, we must look at what was & what might have been.

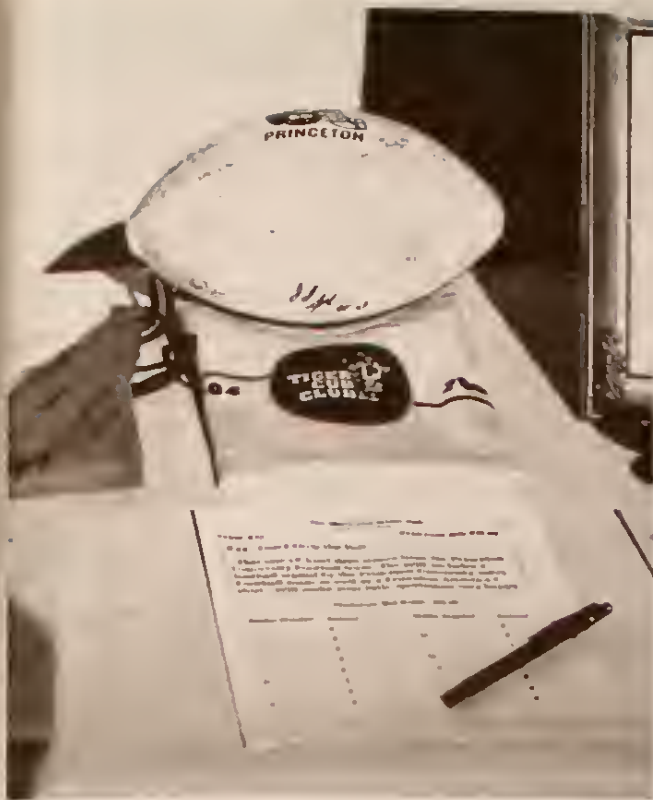
1. WHAT WAS: Imagine someone whose parents or spouse has recently died. Their first Christmas alone finds their minds irresistibly drawn back to past holidays filled with laughter and joy, all the more intensifying their feelings of loss. While this phenomenon is normal, and while one adjusts to death with time, nonetheless, it is important to note that some remnant of this feeling will remain, the holidays forever having a twinge of pain amidst a season of cheer.

2. WHAT MIGHT HAVE BEEN: Far more difficult is the problem of what might have been. Imagine now someone who has been recently divorced. The holidays, a time when families are together with children "nestled in their beds" finds this person often bitterly separated from their spouse and grudgingly shuffling their children back and forth hoping to foster some semblance of family. Knowing it could be different, this person agonizes over what could have been if only certain mistakes had not been made, usually in their mind by the other person.

3. WHAT WAS BAD: Now think of someone whose past is anything but happy, perhaps having lived at odds with their parents, feeling that their parents never really cared. Imagine the pain of an adult child of an alcoholic or an adult survivor of incest. Watching numerous saccharine and ubiquitous Christmas specials on television depicting unrealistically happy families sitting arm in arm together in front of "the old Yule log" may be torture, producing feelings of jealousy, sadness, and intense anger.

This Wellness column is funded through the generosity of a grant from the J. Seward Johnson, Sr. Charitable Trusts. If you would like Father Stimpson to answer a question of yours on family life, daily living or emotional health, you can write to him at: Trinity Counseling Service, 22 Stockton Street, Princeton, NJ 08540. Trinity Counseling Service provides clinical or pastoral counseling on a sliding fee scale for all who need help and support. Phone Trinity Counseling Service at 609-924-0060 to set an appointment.

Scenes From a November Night



FOOTBALL AT THE BALL: One of the silent auction items at this month's Black and White Ball at Historic Morven was a football signed by the Princeton University football team. The event raised funds for the University Medical Center at Princeton's new Breast Health Center. (Photo by George Vogel)



WAS IT A GOOD YEAR?: Bob Lavizz-Mourey inspecting a silent auction wine offering at "A November Night," the black-tie fund-raiser sponsored by the University Medical Center at Princeton for the new Breast Health Center. The Black and White Ball took place at Historic Morven. (Photo by George Vogel)



THE PRIME MOVERS: Co-chairs of "A November Night," the black-tie Black and White Ball sponsored by the Auxiliary of the University Medical Center at Princeton, were Meredith Peterson of Princeton and Merrill Long of Pennington, who are standing on either side of Princeton HealthCare Systems CEO and president Barry Rabner. Debbie Nosko, president of the Auxiliary, is standing next to Ms. Long. (Photo by George Vogel)



AT THE BLACK AND WHITE BALL: Dr. Jack Chamberlain and his wife Mary enjoying a special evening at the charity ball that took place early this month at Historic Morven. Dr. Chamberlain is president of the hospital's board of trustees. The event was held to raise funds for the UMCP's new Breast Health Center. (Photo by George Vogel)



AT THE CHARITY BALL: Ruth Sigal and Dr. Elliott Sigal of corporate sponsor Bristol-Myers Squibb (on left) with Dr. Freda Lewis-Hall and Randy Hall at the Auxiliary of the University Medical Center at Princeton's "A November Night" ball to help raise funds for the UMCP's new Breast Health Center. (Photo by George Vogel)

Hopes • Wishes • Dreams

At S.A.V.E., we dream of a time when all of our animals will have a safe, stable home to call their own.

In the meantime, we hope you will consider sponsoring or adopting a cat or dog that is waiting for that special place of their own.

Please stop in during our new, extended hours.

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Wish List



Cat and dog toys for me and my pals.

Kitty litter to keep my box fresh and clean.



Blankets and towels to keep us warm and dry.

Photos by Frank Wojciechowski

Princeton Shopping Center Begins Holiday Celebrations

The Princeton Shopping Center is hosting a holiday party in the courtyard on Saturday, December 3, from 12:30 till 3 p.m. Santa and Snowy will arrive on a fire engine at 12:30 p.m., driven by the Princeton Fire Company. Santa will tell stories and sing while playing a harp. Children may visit with Santa and Snowy and receive a free gift. Parents are welcome to take a photo of the visit or have a professional photo taken and produced by Image Arts. Children may also take part in a craft project.

The Shopping Center will continue holiday celebrations with live music. On Saturday, November 26, a quartet from Millstone Valley Chapter Sweet Adeline's will stroll and serenade shoppers from noon till 2 p.m. Saturday, December 10 and 17, Nassau Brass will perform Christmas songs from noon till 2 p.m.

The Princeton Shopping Center is located at 301 North Harrison Street. For additional information, call (609) 921-6234.

long "Festival of Trees" with a gala preview cocktail party on Sunday, December 4, from 5 to 7 p.m.

Thirteen galleries in the historic home will be decorated for Christmas by Hamilton Jewelers, J. McLaughlin, Nassau Inn, Princeton Minis, Princeton Packet, Lianbe Martin and Christie Robb, Stony Brook Garden Center, Westminster Choir College, Martha & Milly, and several local garden clubs.

Guests will have the opportunity to bid on four specially cut and decorated Fraser fir trees. The event is sponsored by PNC Advisors. Ticket prices range from \$125 to \$300 per person. Reservations are limited and can be made by calling (609) 924-8144, X100.



Morven Museum Hosts Festival of Trees Gala

Morven Museum and Garden will kick off its month

Children's Books for Holiday Giving

Barnes & Noble Princeton

Recommended by Nancy Nicholson

Winter's Tale

by Robert Sabuda

This is just one of the beautiful pop-up books by Robert Sabuda which will delight children of all ages. Check out his other titles which turn books into paper sculpture: *The Night Before Christmas* and *The Christmas Alphabet*.

Has Anyone Seen Christmas?

by Anne Margaret Lewis

This fun tale teaches American culture as a little Elf named EMIT (time spelled backwards) travels through the year and is destined to be a Christmas classic.

Inkspell

by Cornelia Funke

The second in the word-class trilogy by Cornelia Funke is perfect for older children who love fantasy.

A Apple Pie

by Gennady Spirin

The latest gorgeous picture book by award-winning illustrator Gennady Spirin. Mr. Spirin will be autographing all of his magnificent books at our store on Tuesday, December 6th at 7:00 pm.

Fairyopolis

A flower fairies large pink sparkly journal with illustrations from the collection of Cicely Mary Barker from the 1920's will delight girls ages 8 to 12.

Jewish Holidays All Year Round

by Ilene Cooper with artwork from The Jewish Museum and illustrations by Elivla Savadier

This book will teach children about Jewish heritage.



PERSONAL TOUCH: Jessica Prasch (left), general manager, and Katie Hearn, spa manager of Metropolis, look forward to welcoming clients to the variety of services, from hair cuts and styling to facials, massages and body treatments at this Princeton Shopping Center spa salon. A wonderful gift for someone on your list — or for yourself — is a gift certificate for one of Metropolis' individualized services or special packages. Make a day of it with "The Essentials", including Aromaplasty facial, Swedish massage, manicure, pedicure, shampoo, blow dry, and lunch. That special guy will enjoy "Gentlemen's Escape", with deep tissue or golfer's massage, hydrotherapy, and hot stone manicure. "Mother-to-Be", "The Renewal" and "Spa Sample" are other choices. In addition, special make-up applications are available for holiday events and for brides and bridal parties.

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A few ways to lend a helping hand this holiday season



THE CRISIS MINISTRY OF PRINCETON AND TRENTON prevents hunger and homelessness by providing food, financial assistance and advocacy for low-income people in Mercer County. We also advocate to shape policies that directly affect us all.

Volunteers: Needed to coordinate Earned Income Tax Credit outreach and tax preparation. If you have time during the tax

season, contact us. Training will be provided.

Office Volunteers: Assist in computer and clerical tasks for a morning per week. Training provided.

Food Store Volunteers: Help customers shop, re-stock food shelves. Weekday mornings.

Coat Drive: Collect pristine-condition or gently used warm coats of all shapes and sizes.

Personal Care Items: Help us achieve our goal of collecting 1,100 gifts for all our December food clients. Suggested donations include lotions, soaps, shaving products, oral hygiene, feminine and baby care products and laundry detergent.

Items can be dropped off at Nassau Presbyterian Church, 61 Nassau Street, Princeton or The Crisis Ministry, 123 E. Hanover St., Trenton. Items will be gift bagged and given to our clients during the holidays.

Financial Donations: Donation dollars will be used for a wide array of services and products this year. This includes food, prescription medicine, gas and heating costs, electricity bills and security deposits for the homeless. Go to www.thecrisisministry.org and click "Donate Now" to give immediately with a credit card. Request an E-Card to be sent in honor of a friend when a donation is made.

FAMILY & CHILDREN'S SERVICES OF CENTRAL NEW JERSEY

FAMILY & CHILDREN'S SERVICES OF CENTRAL NEW JERSEY: Behavioral health care and mental health counseling for individuals, families and groups, substance abuse and recovery programs, as well as primary prevention programs, have been the focus of Family and Children's Services of Central New Jersey (FACS) for more than a century. Combining the best of personalized care with state-of-the-art treatment technologies we offer a

developmental continuum of expert services by licensed professionals. We provide services to clients in homes, schools, and at work settings as well as in our three office locations. A sliding scale fee for services makes our expertise available to anyone in need. We are an accredited not-for-profit agency.

FACS's programs deal with fragile families, underprivileged children, at-risk youth, employee/employer work-related problems, substance abuse, domestic violence, and the special needs of the elderly. Our goals include building strong families and communities and empowering individuals to take responsible charge of their own lives.

Family and Children's Service Holiday Wish List:

- Food certificates in the amount of \$10 each.
- Gift certificates from other retailers like Barnes and Noble, Target and Wal-Mart in amounts of \$10-\$15.

The certificates may be dropped off at the agency's office at 120 John Street or call us at (609) 924-2098. To learn more about Family and Children's Services, visit our website www.nj-counseling.org

HiTOPS

HiTOPS has been providing innovative health services and educational programs to adolescents and their families for nineteen years. Your support this holiday season makes our work possible.

For the Health Center: Two pelvic models, otoscope, otoscope speculum covers, new cloth patient gowns, cryotherapy cans, blood test equipment, vinyl and latex exam gloves.

For the Education Department: Laser Color Printer, paper cutter, plotter printer, blank CD-Rs, blank DVD-R's, Final Cut for Macintosh, ceiling mount projection screen.

We'd Also Love: A digital camera, donated items with HiTOPS logo celebrating our 20th anniversary, silent auction prizes for our gala, 3 easels (one heavy-duty), 10 reams of photo paper, office supplies (toner, paper, markers, newsprint, poster board, flip chart paper, etc.), microwave oven, utility shelving for storage room and a 6 cd stereo.

We Always Appreciate: Cash donations, gifts of stock, gifts to HiTOPS in honor or memory of loved ones, endowment campaign support and legacy gifts: remembering HiTOPS as part of your will ensures our future.

Most of all we always LOVE volunteers and have a wide range of opportunities available.

For more information: www.hitops.org 609.683.5155. Deepest Thanks from HiTOPS.



WOMANSPACE Inc is a voluntary, non-profit agency dedicated to improving the quality of life for women in crisis.

Please call 609-394-9000 if you need more information and to arrange drop off. All gifts should be unwrapped and received by December 12, 2005.

New clothing for women and children in various sizes: Pajamas, hats, scarves, gloves, socks, shoes and underwear.

School Supplies: Notebooks and loose-leaf paper, pens/pencils/erasers, pencil cases, back-packs, rulers, pocket Folders.

Toys: Ages 0-4: Toddler riding toys, trucks, Rock 'n Roll Elmo, Mr. Potato Head, VHS videos, dolls.

Ages 5-8: Legos, blocks, Barbie dolls, dolls (all ethnicities), toy matchbox cars. Ages 9 and up: Playstation video games, CD players and CD's, VHS videos,

teenage clothing (boys and girls), arts and crafts, computer and educational games, hand held video games w/batteries. All Ages: Crayons/coloring books, children's books, puzzles, art kits, new stuffed animals.

Gift Certificates/Cash Cards: Barnes & Noble, Best Buy, Borders, CVS, Wal-Mart, Foot Locker, Eckerd, K B Toys, K-Mart, Macy's, Marshall's, Old Navy, TJ Maxx, Sport's Authority, Target, Toys R Us, Acme, SuperG, ShopRite, movie passes for families.



The mission of **JEWISH FAMILY & CHILDREN'S SERVICE OF GREATER MERCER COUNTY** is to strengthen families and individuals by providing community-based services including therapy, support, education, advocacy, and information and referral.

Wish List Items

- Household Cleaning products (always needed) including dish soaps, sponges, laundry detergent, etc.
- Camp scholarships
- Personal Products e.g. shampoo, soap, toothpaste/toothbrushes, deodorant, etc.
- School supplies for children
- Toys for children - infant through teens
- books — all ages
- gift cards: e.g. Target, Kohl's, Old Navy
- gift cards for families e.g. Wal Mart, AMC Theatre, Family Restaurants
- Kosher non perishable and perishable food

S.A.V.E.: Founded in 1941, SAVE is a nonprofit shelter dedicated to protecting the health and welfare of companion animals in the Greater Princeton Area.

SAVE strives to substantially reduce animal overpopulation and the corresponding euthanasia of adoptable animals in our community. Our organization continues its original charter of "no-kill."

If you are able to donate an item on the general wish list, please just drop it off at your convenience.

Animal Care Wish List

- Science Diet brand dog and cat Food (dry or canned)
- Wellness brand Cat Food • Milk-Bone brand dog biscuits
- Heart Guard and Frontline for small and medium dogs
- Yesterday's News cat litter • Cat toys and rawhides / chew bones for dogs
- Dog ballers - Large and Medium size
- Linens, towels, sheets, blankets, etc.
- Small cat bowls
- Dog sweaters (large and small breeds)
- Gift cards/certificates to Petco and PetSmart
- Dog crates (large and small) and cat carriers (large)

SAVE depends on community volunteers for the loving care of its shelter animals.

Some of the areas of opportunity for volunteers are:

- Socializing cats and dog walking • Office and off-site event help
- PetSmart Adoption Days

Visit www.save-animals.org for more information



THE TRENTON AREA SOUP KITCHEN (TASK) is a charitable, non-profit 501(c)(3) organization serving hungry people in the Trenton, NJ area by providing meals, and services that encourage self-sufficiency and improve quality of life; by informing the wider community of the needs of the hungry and advocating for resources to meet these needs

Wish List for Patrons:

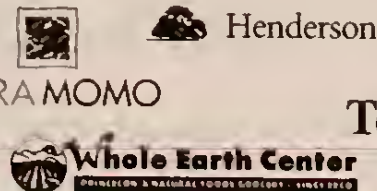
- Knit watch caps (black, brown, navy and gray)
- Gloves adult sizes for men and women
- Adult winter scarves (dark colors)
- Hygiene bags — consist of a toothbrush, toothpaste, shampoo, soap, men's deodorant, men's disposable razor and washcloth. Regular sizes preferred. The dollar stores are a good source for these items.
- Mini-hygiene bags — a bar of soap (Zest, Irish Spring or Level 2000 are the favorites), washcloth and men's disposable razor in a Ziplock sandwich bag
- Socks — Men's white crew or tube socks are unisex for us
- Plastic hooded ponchos for adults (not 3 for \$1.00 kind)
- Reading glasses — various strengths. Dollar stores are a good source for these.
- Bath towel, washcloth and bar of soap
- Hooded sweatshirts (men's extra large) in dark colors
- Thermal underwear (men's and women's) large sizes

Food Requests:

- Ground coffee • Canned chicken or beef gravy • Vegetarian beans
- Granola bars • Dry milk • Soup • BBQ sauce • Rice
- Juice boxes • Salad dressing • Elbow macaroni

Please visit www.trentonsoupkitchen.org for more information on how to help.

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